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EGMORE,
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P. MACQUEEN,
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LETTERS TO FORT ST. GEORGE 1712

(VOLUME No. 13.)

[*Letters Nos. 1 & 2 lost.*]

No. 3

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Inclosed is a List of stores our Gunner wants which we desire youll send by first opportunity: and are

Fort St. David
Decemr. 27th. [1711].
Received ye. 31st. [Decr.]

Honble. Sr. &ca.
Your Obedient Oblig'd Servt[s].

Robert Raworth.
Richard Farmer.
John Berlu.
Richard Harrison.
Phillip Baker.
Matthew Weld.
Henry Cottrel[l].

No. 4

[To the Honble. Edward Harri]son Esqr.
[Presidt. & Govr. of Fort St. George &ct. Council.]

[*A few lines lost.*]

Brown cloth we may have by Us, We are glad the Averilla is in such forwardness to depart for this place, and shall expect her about the time you mention'd, but self preservation obliges us to let You know that we can't spare ye. capt. a grain of Rice, Sheep, Fowl, Hog or any manner of provisions, so that unless he entirely Victuals his Ship at Fort St. George, she will goe from [he]nce very indifferently provided, for he must not be disappointed if we spare him nothing but water here.

We yesterday enclosed [. . .] what stores we wanted in this [. . .] don't will reach you before u[. . .]la, and we know enclo[sed . . .] thought of that so[. . .] their Transpor[. . .] at any [. . .]

[*Subsequent portion lost.*]

No. 5

[To the] Hon^ble. Edward Harrison Esq^r.

President & Govern^r. of Fort S^t. George &c^a. Council.

Hon^ble. Sir &c^a.

Our last to your Hon^r. [&c^t. was] on the 28^th. Ultimo, since which we have not been favo[ured with] any from [you]. We therein advised your Hon^r. &c^a. th[. . .] Merchants had imported here, that [. . .] and that if they did their Duty [. . .] bales ready by the 10^th. [. . .] what [*A few lines lost*] The Syrash lately sent was all sower an[. .] is there [a] Drop of Liquor for the Table [. . .] Arrack for the Out Guards Seaven Leag[uers . . .] is all [. . .]ended, & we are now forct to Use Co[. . .] dear and much worse.

Be[. . .] ll Butter 12 Jarrs

U[. . .]d Paddy what can be spared

[. . .] ffruit of all Sorts a Small quantity

[. . .]ing Glasses for the General Table.

One Garse In the quantity last sent there [. . .] two thirds Barly, which not being able to clear [. . .] or caring to Trouble Your Hon^r. &c^a. we are forct[. . .]ides by what accident we cant tell a great p[art of it was] much damaged

[. . .] twenty thousand

[. . .] Six Candy

[. . .] Two hund[. . .] we [*A few lines lost*] Your. Order shall be kept open till the Arrivall of [a] Mussoola with your Letters.

M^r. Bernard Benyon arrived and takes place next to M^r. ffarmer according [to] Your Direction, he shall not only be present at all debates [rela]ting to these present Troubles, but have the purusall of [all] papers wrote on [that] occasion, that on his return you may have a more thorough [infor]mation, than its possible for [us] to putt in writing.

M^r. Thomas Way is likewise arriv'd [&] will speedily Goe about the particular affair recommended by the Hon^ble. President to M^r. Raworth.

Padre Manuell de Sylva is reinstated in his former [. . .] and when he behaves himself otherwise than what becomes [a] Clergyman, or faithfull Servant of the Company, we shall acquaint [you] of it, and request you'll be pleas'd to dis-p[el] him. [. . .] pursuant to [an order] from England, [. . .]nts [. . .] Military accor[ding] to the custom[. . .]ass.

We received the Reinfor[cement] of fourty Soildiers you [were pleased] [to se]nd Us, as ℔ List shall return You as many which [. . .] out of our forc[e] here, by the first opportunity tha[. . .]nts.

Your Orders about the Invoice and Bill of La[ding] for England, shall be observed and those be [. . .] Letter [*a few lines lost*] Been guilty of Murder or Man Slaughter, he [. . .] in prison att your Mercy.

Wee thank your Hon^r. &ca. for the Stores you have been pleasd to Supply Us with by y^e. Averilla which we shall be sure to be very good husbands of, and hope you'll believe it's not our Tempers to complain[. . .] reason, for really t[. . .] formerly sent Us was so [. . .] the greatest part [of it] still remains untouch'd in our [Godown] and the wheat [. . .] not altogether, was very near as full [. . .] barly, as formerly represented to your Hon^r. &c^a.

We are as frugall as possible in our Expence of a[rrack] which we will retrench if we can, but fear it wont be [in our] power, for in Order to keep our Soildiers Sober, who are constantly upon Duty, we permitt no Arrack to be sold an[. . .] them and suffer as few of them to go to arrack houses as [possible] so that should we take away the Company's allowance which [. . .]ut each Man[. . .]ll Drams a day [. . .] alre[ady experienced] they [. . .] used [. . .]ould soon.

We shall for the [. . .]ny more stores, tell you for what use they [. . .] all [though] that seathing plank may be applyed to [. . .]gs than a Ship, and therefore that the Company [. . .] have no Vessell here, may have occasion for boards [. . .] and thickness, we assure you we have desired [. . .]er use than the Company's, for the Si[. . .] private persons [*A few lines lost*] Yet we can't Stirr out of the Fort but [. . .] Us, complaining they are ready to exper[. . .] We believe the same calamity may attend [. . .] therefore wont be so unreasonable as to [. . .] Thorne out of our Sides, and put it into [. . .]ing our wants in this particular, but [. . .] think it an unreasonable Request, if [. . .] you to send Us up what possibly you [. . .] will be a mighty Ease to Us, and tend to [. . .]tion of the Lives of a great many p[. . .] otherwise dye with hunger.

Provis[ion is] scarce in the Garrison wee sent out a [. . .] days ago into that part of Serrop[Sing . . .] of Us wh[. . .]ht[. . .] head of [. . .] found [. . .] before [. . .] a [*a few lines lost*] and ready with a great deal of willingness to lay down their Lives for the Service of Your Hon^r. &c^a. We have nothing further to add but to wish Your Hon^r. &ca. all happiness & prosperity this new Year, and to assure you we are with the greatest respect

[. . .]
[. . .]

HON^BLE. S^R. &CA.
Your Obedient hum^ble. Serv^ts.

ROBERT RAWORTH.
RICHARD FARMER.
JOHN BERLU.
RICHARD HARRISON.
PHILLIP BAKER.
MATTHEW WELD.
HENRY COTTRELL.

No. 6

[TO THE HON^BLE.] EDW^D. HARRISON ESQ^R.
[PRESIDENT & GOV^r. OF FORT S^T. GEORGE &C^A. COUNCILL.]

[. . .] was dated the [. . .] the Averilla Cap^t. [. . .] Hon^rs. &ca's of y^e. 2^d. ins^t. [. . .] Methods You [. . .]

[. . .] ading for what [. . .] and thank your [. . .] what shall be wan[. . .] Conveyance when [. . .]

[. . .] true that [. . .] Future, and M^r. Raworth returns his thanks [. . .] for Accepting the warm work he was engaged in, [. . .] for our Silence, and we all of Us assure You, we [. . .] has often done, be very ready to venture our Lives for the preservation of our Masters Estates, whenever [. . .] by Serrop Sing or any Nabobs or Govern^rs. of these parts who shall hereafter endeavour to destroy it.

Its a very great satisfaction to Us that your [Hon^r.] don't believe we in the Least particular neglect [. . .] our Merchants in mind of their Contract, and [. . .] shall convince you by giving a Speedy Di[spatch to] Averilla, that it has not been without the desired [. . .] undoubtedly had bales enough to have given [an] immediate dispatch on her Arrivall, if the R[. . .] fallen s[. . .] fortunately as they did; however [. . .] stances [. . .] shall not keep [. . .] days [*A few lines lost*] Present Warr till M^r. Raworth's arrivall, had no other than a Litterall meaning, when they thank'd your Hon^r. &ca. to lay only a partial Acco^t. before the Hon^ble. Company; w^ch. they now again repeat, for we know very well in Framing and wording such a Narrative that an impartiall ℔son may express himself in terms very prejudiciall to the persons whom it may relate to, when bare fact truly represented, would not bring them into any premeniry, and its

as far from entring into our thoughts, that you'll ever be unworthy of the Trust reposed in your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. as that you are capable of doing otherwise, but should You; we know our inferiority too well to be guilty of so much imprudence, as to give you the least hint we are suspicious of it.

We shall continue to Disband [our] peons as we find occasion, and are [not] a little paid that any of our resolves meet your [. . .] we are Resident here, & wished [. . .] can do to the place, yet [. . .] rise by the fall of [. . .] say, that it's the same [. . .] Company receive [. . .] warr continues [. . .] least thirty thousand [. . .] youll please to ob[serve . . .] soldiers which are [. . .]n payd some where, [. . .] maintain no more [. . .] of Peace, some [. . .] have done, we shall [. . . tr]oubles to an end, that [. . .]ly, and our Investment [. . .] on as currently as [*a line lost*] Of Earth; intending to build one More they formerly paid pag^{s}. ten thousand to the King of Golcondah; since Six thousand Pago^{s}. by what Theadre Upper Row will give Twenty Thousand Pagodas ℔ Year, having a further Aspect to keep it under him, looking upon it to be his Mothers security, a Security for him against all attempts of these Moors.

The 3^{d}. Curr^{t}. returnd our peons from Dew, Narran Row return'd Answer to your Hon^{rs}. Letter, Ancanead being at Chintapelle, have no Answer; deliverd your Hon^{rs}. Letter to his people which they forwarded to him, peons give account of Dew fort; in breadth 50 fathom in length 45 fathom, much people are gone to live there, intending to try if the water will prove good to make Chay goods; Upper Row intending at full Moon to Make his entrance uppon Dew, having sent 10000 Candy paddy before hand, designing to send [so much] more, when he comes can give your Hon^{r}. a more True Account.

Narran Row writt to Me to send him some Spice [. . .] yards of broad cloth not being well; the former shall send him a small quantity; cloth if your Hon^{r}. give leave shall send.

Maddapollam B [. . .] for supply of mony to finish the Chana [. . .] Factory, have sent him 20 Rupees [. . .] having given Me Notice, he had [. . .] arr, these two peons came here [*subsequent portion lost*].

No. 7

To the Hon^{ble}. Edward Harrison Esq^{r}.
President for R^{t}. Hon^{ble}. Company
& Govern^{r}. of Fort S^{t}. George &ca. Council.

Hon^{ble}. S^{r}. &c^{a}.

Your Hon^{rs}. generall of the 14 Decem[ber was] received the 28 with five Letters, three d[. . .] the grain Merchants, being content, having ordered [. . .] ten boats apeece to your Hon^{rs}. port of Madrass.

Narran Row Trippidie and Ancanead sent the [. . .] the Amadalla Lanka Tappys, and Two of our people [. . .] them the Upper and lower way to come in case of [trou]bles should happen, gave charge to the River people [. . .] have quick passage day and night; 29th. Vizagapatam [&] Bengall peons proceeded forward.

The 30th. December Naigue Bankeor received Letters from Golconda. Dowd Cawns brother Ebram Cawn received Orders [from Sh]awallum to be Suba of Golcondah at the[. . .]ese Letters was eight jentue Leagues off [. . .]rly expect news of his entrance; whi[. . .]

[. . .] Guddera Horse and ffoot make [*a few words lost*] Two wom [*a few lines lost*]. M^{r}. Thomas ffaucett is come to [. . .] arrived from Bimlep^{m}. Laden with [. . .] bit Cawn and Annanuntross are a [. . .] Habbit Cawn having burnt much [. . .].

The 9th. Currt. came one of Sandole peon [. . .] Amadalla Lan[ka,] they complain have [. . .] month's battie [. . .]leated; noe Letters com[e from Viza]gapatam [. . .] convenient to keep these pe[. . .] their w[. . .] may be reddy in their Stations [. . .] four [. . .]; in Company Comes Gopanies [Letter]. I humbly crave leave.

METCHLEPM.
JANUBY. 9TH. 1711[12]
RECEIVED THE 15TH. Do.

HONBLE. SR. &CA.

Your Most O[bedient] Servant
PHILLIP [NODEN.]

No. 8

TO THE HONBLE. EDWARD HARRISON ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNR. OF FORT ST. GEORGE &CA. COUNCILL.

HONBLE. SR. &CA.

Your Honrs. &ca. of the 8th. instant we received by a Mussoola, with the Packetts and Papers [. . .]ing it, and Mr. Thomas Way has de[. . .] of the buildings you have in hand [. . .] closed in the [. . .]

There is [*a few lines lost*] urbed by foul weather, which we very much apprehend, [. . .] looks very cloudy, and begins to rain while we are writing.

We have no such thing as a Vakeell at Arcott, or any where [else], and if any body thats there declares himself so, or is desiring an Audience towards settling affairs relating to the bringing of Goods from Porto Novo its unknown to Us, or without any Power from Us [. . .] rrapa did by permission of the Depy. Governr. about the time we broke off the treaty, send a fellow up to reside privately there to give Us information, of the intreagues that were carrying on between the Duan, & Serrop Sing; whose name upon examination we find is Addapa; He was so farr from having any power to call himself a Vakeel, that he was forbid to owne that he belonged to the English, and immediately upon Receipt of your Letter he is recall'd, this is as far as we know the truth of the matter: & we hope you wont believe we have so little knowledge of ourselves, as to send up one to person[ate] the English at Fort St. David, whilst we are subordinate to your Honr. &ca. in whose power alone it is (not any Underlin) to send a Vakeell to a Durbarr.

We shall be sure to date the Dispatch when we deliver it the Capt. and acquaint you with it as Orderd in our next Generall Letter; we wish your Honr. &ca. Success in your undertakings and Are

[FORT ST. DA]vid.
[. . .]

HONBLE. SR. &CA.
Your Obedient humble Servts.

ROBT. RAWORTH.
RICHARD FARMER.
[JOHN] BERLU.
RICHARD [HARRISON].
PHILLIP [BAKER].
MATTHEW [WELD].
[HENRY COTTRELL].

[No 9.]

[Previous portion lost.]

Sing whose perfidious Disposition [has brought] troubles upon himself, and since he would not accept peace when he might upon advantageous terms, w[. . .] all the world will be of our opinions, that he ought [to] contribute, if we can compell him, very considerably to the maintenance of our Forces.

We have occasion for the tarpawlins, and shall keep them, since you have permitted Us.

We hope we shall be able to dispatch Capt. Hurst tomorrow, notwithstanding our Disappointments.

On the 12th. inst. we lost Mr. George Nahup who after about six weeks indisposition Expired of a blo [. . .] lux; we are now very bare of assistance, and request you'll send Us if you have any to spare, a sober diligent young man; and if you can spare two we believe [we can] find business for them: We are

[Fort St. David]
[. . .]th. 1711
[. . .] Do.

Honble. Sr. &ca.
Your Obedt. humble. [Servts.]

Robert Raworth.
Richard Farmer.
John Berlu.
Richd. Harrison.
Phillip [Baker].
Matthew [Weld].
[Henry Cottrell].

No. 10.

[To the Honble.] Edward Harrison Esq[r.]
President & Govern[r]. of Fort St. George &ca. Council.

Honble. Sr. &ca.

At seven a clock [in the] Evening Capt. Hurst having received [. . .] place (with the 50 bales rec'd from Fort [. . .] besides the Six baggs of Coffee, amount[ing to] thirty two Thousand seven hundred [Pagodas] twenty eight fanams and twenty Six [cash] he could take in no more, immediate [ly as] soon as it was possible we made up [. . .] No. A and deliverr'd him the Packett [according to] your Directions and Inclosed we send [the Invoice], protest against Mr. Roberts, [. . .] ing and other necessary papers: as ♆ [. . .] a Clock he weigh'd Anchor and before [. . .] out of sight, We heartily wish him [. . .] rous Voyage, particularly that he [. . .] fleet at the Cape; time enough to have [. . .] Convoy to England, because we know [. . .] size, but likewise the Interest of the [. . .] and our generall Letters were [. . .] Capt. the 18th. instant. Wee are

Honble. [Sir &ca.]
Your [Obedt. Humble Servts.]

[Fort St.] David
[. . .].

[Robert Raworth.]
[Richard Farmer.]
[John Berlu.]
[Richard Harrison.]
[Phillip Baker.]
[Maithew Weld.]
[Henry Cottrell.]

[No. 11]

[*Previous portion lost.*]

procured from Ponticherry.

[. . .] ant speak enough in the praise of this party [. . .] all but particularly the Two Commission office [. . .] shewed the example themselves, by leading 'em on [. . .] rly with their Swords only cut down severall [. . .]ce, who opposed them; and performed this Action without the Loss of a Soildier, and [. . .] peons the one stabb'd in the breast, the other [. . .] the back of which they both expired forthwith; most [of the] Soildiers have brought off a Sword and a Target [. . .] aded the peons with Guns and pikes which we are to continue to 'em as a reward of their bravery, [and] we hope you wont disapprove off.

Yesterday morning our Merchants imported t[. . .] gers of cloth from Porto Novo, which we are [going] to wash as we shall do all they bring in, till [you think] convenient to order the Contrary.

[. . .] is quite exhausted, so request the favour [of your Hon^{r}.] &ca. to supply Us before the wind chan[ges . . .], we shall in the mean time take the Liberty [. . .] ving upon You as we find opportunity.

We wish your Hon^{r}. &ca. all health and prosperity [in your] undertakings being,

Hon^{ble}. Sr.
Your Obed^{t}. hum^{ble}. Serv[^{ts}].

[Fort S^{t}. David]
[. . .]

Rob^{t}. Raworth.
Rich^{d}. Farmer.
John Bee[lu].
Richard Harrison.
Phillip Baker.
Mat: Weld.
[Henry Cottrell].

No. 12.

To the Hon^{ble}. Edward Harrison Esq^{r}.
President & Govern^{r}. of Fort S^{t}. George &ca. Councill.

Hon^{ble}. Sr. & Srs.

We did ourselves the Hon^{r}. [. . .]ing, and impart to you, an [. . .] ven the Moors at Crimbum [. . .] safe arrived with you.

We adv[ise . .] that five Europeans deserted [. . .] who went directly to the mo[ors . . .] received suitable to their Expe[. . . Porto] Novo and took protection in [. . .] M^{r}. Raworth being advised of [. . .] Cheif for affairs of that N[. . .] for Answer that he dare [. . .] out orders from Negapatam [. . .] that he had gave protection [. . .] our service and waited their [. . .] and he sent Us the inclosed, [. . .] commanded to return Us no mo[re. . .] as he pretends being Dutchmen [. . .] to their Company, tho one of the [. . .] rott to our certain Knowledge [. . .] may have been in their servi[ce . . .] assured never was in India [. . .] incomparably well, and bein [. . .] sup [. . .] has induced him

[*Subsequent portion of the letter is lost*]

[No. 13]

[To the Honble.] Edward Harrison Esqr.
Presidt. & Governr. of Fort St. [George & ca. Coun]cill.

Honble. Sr. &ca.

[As] soon as we could gett all necessary p[. . .] home upon the Averilla transcribed, [. . .] to your Honr. &ca. Yesterday with a [. . .]ng the Day your dispatch to Capt. [. . .] all which we hope are arrived safe[ly.]

Since which Mr. Raworth being advi[sed that a party] of about three hundred Moors Fo[ot detacht from t]heir intrenchment at Crincumbaucum, used [in their] [ro]unds to pass between Coniguill and our Hedge [Order'd] Capt. Courtney and Capt. Howsan, with Sixty [Granad]iers to lay Ambuscade for them last night [in a place] that was thought most convenient, & if possible [cut] them off accordingly at nine, they went to the [place app]ointed where they waited till one a clock, whe[n] [perc]eiving none of their enemy appear'd they march[ed direc]tly to their intrenchment which was immedi[ately al]armed, about forty of them being without ye. d[oor who] repairing in with a great deal of precipita[tion on] their approach excluded about twenty of their [comra]des, all which were immediately put to the sword [and] then they order'd Serjeant Auli[n] with two [file of men] to moun[t the w]all [on the opposite side wch. he did with a great deall of Bravery and forc't them to retreat where the two Captains were with the main body of the party, who immediately upon it] Orderd fourty Granadoes to be [flung in which did won] derfull execution, and while they [were in this consterna]tion, the Granadoes flying Am[ongst them in peices, and] the Serjeant on the other side [firing upon them with] swan Shot, they forc'd open the [door and entred sword] in hand, where they mett with a [good stout repulse] but the Execution done upon them [before had so dispiri]ted them, that in the end every [man began to shift] for himself, some making for the [door and others flinging] themselves over the wall into the [ditch in order to make] their Escape; till what with those [that gott away and] fell, they had in a short time fr[ee possession of the] place without any molestation, [when they had an] opportunity to view the slain [which amounted to] more than one hundred, besides [which, they say the] ground was all strewd with [peices of skulls, hands &] Leggs, which to be sure was [effects of the granadoe] Shells.

They have been for too [. . .] possession of that place, and he [. . .] so well, that they had a great de [. . .] we could not hurt them; for after [. . .] passed the Ditch, and enterr'd the [. . .] within that, and another door [. . .] to break down too, before they co [. . .] body, which by the best advice [. . . amoun]ted to four hundred thô it was [. . .] three weeks agoe, when we had d [. . .] selves of attacking it, but some of [. . .] carr [. . .] way to the [. .] And demand Ambross Parrot as being a[. . .] thô we dont expect (now they have once taken [their] resolutions) ever to see him again so request y [our Honr.] how we shall proceed in this matter, for we [think] are most barborously treated by these people, [. .] are our Allies and know we are engaged in a [war . . .] ought in Duty rather to have assisted Us, with [. . .] times the number of men, than to have taken [a] few from Us, an Action which the Governr. of Pon [dicherry] in the Service of a Nation publickly in warr w[. . .] Scorn'd to be guilty off, and return'd Us a f [. . . .] who deserted our Service, nor could he be prevailed to keep him, tho Solicited to it by all his Officers[. . .] we suppose of opinion and with a great deal of [. . .]that if our Enemies prevail over Us, it would a[. . .] them to dispise Europeans in Generall; and [. . .] troublesome to them hereafter.

We have two Chellingers of cloth come in [from Porto] Novo last night and this morning, and Sun [. . .] has imported two more, which we suppose to [. . .] of the Investment at Fort St. George.

In the same stile the poor apply themselves for Rice, so we now do to your Hon^{r}. &ca., and be [g] for the Lords sake to send Us what possibly [you can] for here is not a grain for Sale in the Town [and] many poor souls have not eat these three [days]. We are

Fort S^{t}. David
Jan^{ry}. the 21st. 1711[12.]
Received the 24 D^{o}.

Hon^{ble}. S^{r}. &ca.
Your Obed^{t}. hum[^{ble}. Serv^{ts}.]
Rob^{t}. [Raworth].
Rich^{d}. [Farmer].
[John Berlu].
[Richard Harrison].
Phillip Baker.
[Matthew Weld.]
[Henry Cottrell].

No. 13.

[To T]he Hon^{ble}. Edw^{d}. Harrison Esq^{r}.
President & Govern^{r}. of Fort S^{t}. George &ca. Council.

Hon^{ble}. S^{r}. &ca.

According to our promise to you, in the Addition to ours of Yesterdays date, now send you under the care of Ensign Paddle and two File of men, Lieutenant Courtney, and his accomplices Ensign Brookes and Serjeant Peterson, who were the Instruments he cheifly moved by in this affair, it's with a great deal of concern that we are obliged to proceed so rigorously against any persons whatever, but this was so home a stroke, at the root and branch of our civil Authority, that we have been obliged to act with more austerity, than accustomary to Us, for should our Pity have induced Us to pass by this Action, and it had encouraged others to follow the Example hereafter, we think we might then justly have been term'd by your Hon^{r}. &ca. and the world accessory to it.

Cap^{t}. Courtney since his close confinement, has been in that distracted condition, with thoughts of y^{e}. Destruction his passion has brought upon himself, that he has not been able to hear reason, w^{ch}. together with our not caring to insult the afflicted, has induced Us not to demand his Commission of him, so he [bri]ngs it with him, but Ensign Brooks's comes inclo [sed . . .] rrit to recommend him [*a line lost*] And has behaved himself but very indifferently, he has been abroad upon any Command.

The Serjeant is a brave stout fellow and has now carryed himself very quietly in the Garrison, how he came to have a hand in this business we cant tell, for he has been used but very indifferently by Cap^{t}. Courtney.

We desire you'll be pleased to return Us [the] Chellingers, with the Ensign and the party, as [soon as] conveniently you can; the Serjeants Except [. . .] and Eyres, who do not deserve Halberts, and are [of] no Service to Us here; wee wish we may never [be obliged] to trouble you again on such an Occasion; and Wishing you Success in your undertakings are

Fort S^{t}. David
Jan^{ry}. 25th. 1711[12.]
Received 27th. D^{o}.

Hon^{ble}. S^{r}. &ca.
Your Obedient hum^{ble}. Serv[^{ts}]
Robert Raworth.
Rich : Farmer.
John Berlu.
Richard Harrison.
Phillip Baker.
Matthew Weld.
Henry Cottrell.

HONBLE. SR. &CA.

By this Conveyance George Brand likewise comes that we mayn't be at ye. trouble of sending Gards and boats twice from hence on these Occasions, it should have been mention'd in the foregoing Generall, but that the fellows long imprisonment, together with yesterdays hurry put it quite out of my thoughts, I am

FORT ST. DAVID.
JANUARY DITTO.

HONBLE. SR. &CA.
Your Obedit. & most humble. [Servant]
[ROBERT RAWORTH].

No. 14.

TO THE HONBLE. EDWD. HARRISON ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNR. OF FORT ST. GEORGE &CA. COUNCILL.

HONBLE. SR. &CA.

Our last to your Honr. &ca. was on the 21st. instant since which we have not been favourd with any frô. You.

We advised you then that we design'd to send a Serjeant, and some Peons down to Porto Novo to receive the Deserter the Dutch Cheif there promised to deliver up to our Order, and demand of him the other four particularly Ambross Parrot an English man, who came out in the Herne Capt. Lane, but as We then Surmized, he has denyed us that piece of Justice, and referrs Us to Negapatam, to which place we hope your Honr. &ca. will write on this Occasion for as Porto Novo is so near Us and most of our Europeans are foreigners; it may be at last of pernicious Consequence to this Garrison, if they are not oblig'd strictly to observe the Cartell made between Your Honr. &ca. and them; Copy of Mr. Raworths Letter to the Cheife and their Answer, are inclosed.

In three day's time we shall have Sixty bales ready to sort and in a fortnight two hundred & upwards, so Request the favour of you to give Us your Order how you'll be pleased to have them disposed off, either sent up to you, by all secure conveyances that offer or kept here to assist in filling up any Ship you may [. . .] Europe as you did ye. Averilla. In the mean time we have lanch'd the Yatch [and] are getting her over the barr, where she shall be ready to go upon any Service you may think convenient to Command her.

The clamours of the Poor for Rice [daily] encrease upon Us, which we have made shift [to] moderate as yet out of our old stores, but they are so near being exhausted, that unless in a very few days [we] receive Supplys, we shall undergo the hardships of famine, but as we have always found you very Generous in supplying our wants, and sending Us relieve [*sic*] when we wanted it, so we don't in the least doubt but you [ll] consider our Circumstances at this Juncture, unl[ess] you are in the same, or worse yourselves, which [wish] God to avert.

The Loss of our Enemy's at Crimbumbuccum we are confirmed now is rather more, than we represented to you on Sunday last, since which we have received no disturbance of Consequence [from] our Enemies, but are sorry to acquaint you that some of our Officers, rather then not be in Action, choose [to] fall in Disputes with their Companions.

On Tuesday last Captain Courtney having [dined] with the Governr. went as he was accostomed into [Mr.] Welds room, where was setting Ensign Paddle: he walked backwards and forwards for some time with[out] speaking a word, but at last attack'd him in a very [odd] sort of a manner, telling him he was a very impudent fellow Skip Jack, Son of a Whore, and used abund[ance] of other Epithets very improper for a man yt. bares a [Commission but Padle it seems regarding the] The place he was in, and not caring to make any Disturbance under Mr. Raworths

roof, bore it very patiently till Courtney at last drew and assaulted him, and before the Guard could come in to quell the disturbance, had wounded Paddle about an Inch and half deep in the Belly, and stabbed him in the left temple, the Dep^{ty}. Govern^{r}. immediately secured them both under Guards in different appartments, and Yesterday acquainted us with it in Consultation, when they were both sent for up, and heard what they could say for themselves, & the declarations of Matthew Weld and Henry Cottrell taken, the one of which was present when some words passed between them on su[n]day last, and the other not only then, but likewise, the greatest part of the time they were scuffling together: the Copys of which we inclose for your Hon^{r}. &ca. ℔usall.

Cap^{t}. Courtney intirely deny's the purport of them with oaths and imprecations, and still se[e]ms to believe that he received such provoking treatment & Language from Paddle, that he could not (his Hon^{r}. laid aside) otherwise than he Did, were it in a Kings bed chamber, but Paddle's Account of the Action quadrates as near as possible with what Mess^{rs}. Weld and Cottrell relate; And all circumstances making it appear to Us he Endeavour'd what possible to prevent the quarrell rising to the height it did, we have released him from his Confinement but shall continue the other under close restriction, till we know your pleasures, thô we do it with a great deal of regret, knowing him upon all occasions te be a bold and Active Officer; but [. . .] the Garrison was [. . . . .] Ten Times better qualified to serve Us; or we think would not be long before you heard of anarchee here, have placed Ensign Hobbs at the head of his party, under the Direction of Cap^{t}. Roach, and believe he wont upon any action approve himself at all inferiour to the other as to conduct and Couradge.

We request your Hon^{r}. &ca. to send Us two hundred Iron Granadoe Shells, of the Smallest size, having but very few here and those abundantly too heavy for our men.

M^{r}. Bernard Benyon informing [us] that you have two broken brass Field peices which [are] useless at the Sea gate, we request you'll be pleased to send them to Us, having a very expert founder here that can remake them, and has already cast a small one of about three hundred weight, and a Cohor[n] mortar, which have been sufficiently proved; and not only found to be very good, but in the tryall done some prejudice to our Enemies; We wish your Hon^{r}. &ca. health and prosperity, and begging you [ll] Supply us with Rice, We are

FORT S^{r}. DAVID.
JANUARY 24TH. 1711 [12].
RECEIVED 28TH. D^{e}.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &CA.

Your Hon^{rs}. &ca. Most Obedient And most humble Servants

ROBERT RAWORTH.
RICHARD FARMER.
JOHN BERLU.
RICHARD HARRISON.
PHILLIP BAKER.
MATTHEW WELD.
[HENRY COTTRELL.]

HON^{BLE} S^{R}. &CA.

Just as we were closing the foregoing, the Dep^{ty}. Govern^{r}. was Surprized with a Petition Subscribed by three Serjeants and about 50 of Cap^{t}. Courtneys party, Europeans and Topasses; he immediately upon receipt of it handled the Deliverrer very roughly and made him believe that he would immediately give him the deserts of a mutineer and Shoot him through the head, upon which the fellew [*sic*] fell immediately upon his knees, and told him if he would be so mercifull to spare his life he would confess the whole progress of it, which he did upon Oath y^{e}. attested Copy of which comes inclosed.

After which Mr. Raworth went wth. the utmost Expedition to the party, and demanded at the head of it who was the person among them that would quit the Company's Service, soonr. than serve under the officer he had commanded them to Obey, on which they declared one and all, that they would be ready on all occasions to venture their lives with whom and where he pleased to command them. He then demanded of them the reasons (since they were not dissatisfied) why they subscribed to the petition which he then produced, and upon Examination found that their names were put to it, by the person yt. delivered it, (for there were not three among them cou'd write or read) who had told them that no ill consequence could attend their consenting to have their names appear there, for that it only contain'd a modest Request [to] the Deptv. Governr. to be mercifull to Capt. [*a line lost*] The Ensign, A Serjeant called Syburn & Peterson, and a Corporall called Edward Chambers, the writer

For fear worse consequences should attend Capt. Courtneys being at liberty to converse and write to whom he pleases, we have confined him in a Chamber under the charge of a sentinell, who has orders not to converse or correspond with him; the Ensign we design to order to the head of the party tomorrow, there make him confess his crime on his knees begg pardon for it, and then break his Sword over his head; and for the other two we shall give them Corporall punishment all round our bounds, and after this [is] done to deterr others from being guilty of the like [for] the future, we shall send them directly to you for Capt. who we must now be obliged [to] declare Unfitt for ever hereafter of serving the Company in India, [and] elsewhere, and we hope when he arrives at Madrass you'll keep him close for fear his Revenge should pre[vail] him to run to our Enemies, where he may be capable of doing you as much disservice, as he design'd when he wrote this petition.

We hope Yr. Honr. &ca. will excuse our riguorous proceedings, without receiving your Orders for [it] but don't doubt you'll be pleased to excuse Us, when [you] come to consider how dangerous delays are, in cases [of] this nature, and that too much Pity Spoils a [City]. We are

Fort Sr. David.
January Do.
Received Ditto.

Honble. Sr. &ca.
Your most Obedient & most humble. Servts.

Robert Raworth.
Richard Farmer.
John Berlu.
Richd. Harrison.
Phillip Baker.
Matthew Weld.
Henry Cottrell.

No. 15

The Declaration of Mr. Matthw. Weld concerning the Difference that happen'd between Capr. Hercules Courtney & Ensigne Joseph Paddle, Sunday last in the afternoon at Mr. Welds Lodgings, being the 20th. of January 1711 as alsoe of their fighting yesterday the 22d. in the Lodgings abovesaid.

Being present when the difference arose between Capr. Hercules Courtney & Ensign Josph Paddle at my Lodgings Sunday the 20th. Janry. 1711 as also when they fought the 22d. in the same place and being required by the Worshll. Robr. Raworth Esqr. Deptv. Governr. &ca. Councill to give a true Account of the matter, I therefore here give the best Account I can of it wch. is as follows.

Sunday the 20th. in the afternoon Capt. Hercules Courtney and Ensign Joseph Paddle being at my Lodgings where also was Mr. Henry Cottrell, when Capt. Courtney askd Ensign Paddle to give one Richard Paine (a Centinell on the

main Guard a drunken abusive fellow) liberty to go out of the Fort for two or three hours in a day about some business he had for him, to which Ensign Paddle replyed he could not; thereat Captain Courtney paused a little while, and then flew into a passion, saying what do you mean Ensign Paddle Dam me I 'll have him without asking you, to that Ensign Paddle replyed [if] he is a man belonging to your Company, you may have him but as he's [up] on this Guard I must have another in his room to do his Duty; hereat Cap^{t}. Courtney grew very abusive [to] M^{r}. Paddle the Ensign of the Guard giving him the lye, calling him an impudent saucy fellow, and threatened to beat him & thr[u]st his Cane down his throat which he shooke at him in a very menacing manner uttering many other abusive Expressions, to all which said Ensign Joseph Paddle made Civill Replys, and mild; and gave his reasons why he could not permitt said Paine to go out of the Fort, he being so frequently guilty of misdemeanours when at his Liberty, that [he] fear'd he should be blamed if he sufferr'd him abroad, desiring Cap^{t}. Courtney not to treat him soe scur[vily] and that he would not strike him for he would [not] suffer it; when their difference grew to this height, [I] desired them both to forbear quarrelling in my house, whereat they then gave over, and I thought all would have been pass'd by.

But tuesday the 22^{d}. of January 1711 About 3 in the Afternoon Cap^{t}. Hercules Courtney came into my Lodgings where M^{r}. Joseph Paddle Ensign of the Guard was with Me at a table smoaking a pipe of Tobacco and after taking some few terns [*sic*] in my room seem[ingly] in a passion, stood by me and demanded of Ensign Paddle, how he came to write so saucily and impudently to him in the parole note, telling him that [his] Superiours used him with more respect than bar[ely] to conclude after the word with his name only, to [this] Ensign Paddle replyed he wrote it in hast, and des[ign]ed no affront by it; and hoped he would not make this omission occasion of quarrelling with him, on [account their late difference about said Richard Pain] Adding that Cap^{t}. Courtney had then very grossly Abus'd him, who Answerd he had not but he very much deserv'd it, and flew immediately into a passion & said he was a saucy impudent fellow, and he would make him know his distance, and lett him see he did not make such as he his Companions, with severall such like scornfull expressions, to which M^{r}. Paddle replyed in a very calm manner, S^{r}. I bear a Commission soe well as You, and than desired he would Curb his passion, for he could not bear such abuses.

Upon that Cap^{t}. Courtney flew into a more violent passion, and steping back into the middle of room drew his sword immediately, whereat Ensign Paddle (who's Sword wth, y^{e}. belt and scabord lay about two Steps on one Side of him upon two Chairs) gott up and took hold of it, but before he had compleatly draw, & putting himself into a posture of defence, whilst the point of his Sword was scar[c]ely out of his sheath, [and] pointing downward, Cap^{t}. Courtney who drew [first] and was in a readiness advanced on him and struck a forcible blow on Ensign Paddles Sword, which [beat] it up backwards and so struck it out of his hand and then I suppose turning his hand push'd Ensign Paddle into his Belly, who notwithstanding readily got hold of his Sword again, but in the very instance as he sto[o]ped to recover it, Cap^{t}. Courtney closed in with him and shuffd him down in the window where Cap^{t}. Courtney had him under with his left hand on Ensign Paddles Sword Arm, and his own Sword pointed at Ensign Paddles Breast, biding him deliver his sword and begg his life; upon this I left them, and made [what haste] I could to call a [guard] and on my Return found Cap^{t}. Courtney with both Swords in his hand and En[sign] Paddle asking for his Sword which Cap^{t}. Courtney return'd; after this a dispute arose about the difference when Ensign Paddle told Cap^{t}. Courtney that he used him very scurvely in drawing on him in the ffort & at unawares; and that now he was soe good a man as himself; with that Cap^{t}. Courtney said Dam me Sarrah what after I have given you your Life & Sword have you the impudence to prate, and immediately run furiously upon him, and catching hold of Ensign Paddles Sword broke it in two peices, and then they fell to Cuffing, but were parted by Serjeant Hanlon, and soon after came the Cap^{t}. of the Guard, [in] whose presence Cap^{t}. Courtney continued to abuse Ensign Paddle, in very scurvillous Language calling

[him] Skip kennell Sorry fellow, just come from waiting [at]a Table, and treated him with abundance of such Like insufferable Expressions, thô at the same time Ensign Paddle desired him to shake hands and be friends to which Capt. Courtney replyed, he would not concern himself with any such fellow as he is.

MATTHEW WELD.

[No. 16]

Mr. HENRY COTTRELLS DECLARATION.

On Sunday the 20th. of January being in Mr. Welds Lodgings, Capt. Courtney requested Ensign Paddle to lett Richard Paine have Liberty for 3 or 4 hours [in] a day to go about said Capt. business, at such hours[as] he thought Convenient, which the Ensign [said he could not grant and order'd said Paine to return to his guard], Upon which Capt. Courtney said Dam Me, You, where's your manners, to send the fellow away I sent to speak with, and at the same[time]bid Paine stay, upon which the Ensign told him, he might have him if he would give him another Man for him, or gett Capt. Hugonin's leave for it; which so exasperated Capt. Courtney, that he told him if he talk'd so to him, he would run his Cane down his throat, and that he would have the fellow or anyelse he pleas'd, giving him at the same time opprobrious Language, as Rascall and Scoundrell, and amongst the rest gave him the lye, and starting up shooke his Cane at him, upon which the Ensign step'd to the Couch & laid his hand upon a Sword but never offerrd to draw it, requesting the Capt. not to fall into a passionor give him such Language which he could not bare, and that if he should Lett Paine Go, that he would immediately gett drunk, and be uncapable of serving either the Capt. or him, which at present is all I can call to mind.

FORT ST. DAVID
JANUARY THE 23D.

HENRY COTTRELL.

No. 17

TO THE WORSHLL. ROBERT RAWORTH ESQR.
DEPTY. GOVERNR. OF FORT ST. DAVID.

THE PETITION OF THE UNDER SIGNED HUMBLY SHEWETH

That your Petitioners having served [the Command of Capt. Hercules] Courtney all these Troubles, who has ever been carefull in Leading on and bringing Us off from battell, without one, [God] be thank'd receiving either Death or wound, that was prejudiciall belonging to him, and being Ever well treated by him, Obliges Us to implore your Worship on his behalf, that he may be restored to his former Command over Us; which not only we but all his private Centinalls with Earnestness begg and request; We have heard he designs to lay down his Commission with your worships leave, which is no small trouble to Us, and humbly beggs your Worship may continue your friend[ship] to him, which we all know you formerly had, and [if] he be wrong'd by False persons, as we really believe [him] to be, that your Worship will please to do him justice, and not deprive Us off one, who we are so desirous to serve and there being some of Us who never can with Satisfaction stay in the Service (tho loath to shew the le[a]st unwillingness that was)

unless your Worship pleases to grant [your] humble petitioners, which if you do, shall Ever be [most] faithfull in our Duty, and Ever pray; who are with all possible Submission.

WORSH^{LL}. S^{R}.

Your Worship's most Dutifull[&]
most Obedient humble Servant[s]

HUGH CAMREN.
STEPHEN GOUDGE.
MORRIS MURFRY.
JOHN HALL.
MICHAEL DOLAN.
JOHN JOHNSON.
STEPHEN CARSEO.
MANUELL SEQUERRELL.
CHRISTOPHER SILVESTER.
EDMOND TIVELL.
ANTONY FRANCE.
JOHN JOKAM.
FRANCIS LOPES.
MANUELL PERERA.
LARENCE BOOT.
ABRAHAM KERRS.
JOHN FOX.
RICHARD PEAN.
ANTHONY MENDES.
GOUSOLVISDE ROSAIRO.
THOMAS DE ROUSA.
ANTHONY DE ROSAIRO.
MANUELL DE FERNANDO.
FRANCIS S^{T}. DAVID.
NICHOLAS VASS.
ANDREW DE ROSIRO.
PASQUELL LEIAS.
ANTHONY ALFONCE.
JOHN DE LEMO.
DUGO REBEIRO.
GUELIO DE BREN.
PETER DE MATTO.
PETER HARRIS.
FRANCIS MECOW.
FRANCIS DE ROSIRO.
HENRY COGHRAN.
JOHN HANDLON.
THOMAS DITTON.
EDWARD CHAMBERS.
DAVID DOYLE.
THOMAS EYVES.
JOHN QUIN.
PAUL MEASEON.
MARTHO: MORE.
MICHAEL EARBOU[GH].
THOMAS KERNAN.
JOHN CAFREY.
EDWARD LYNCH.
DANIELL [BRYAN]

No. 18.

HENRY COGHRAN'S ATTESTATION.

I Henry Coghran do upon the Holy Evangelist solemly declare, that yesterday about seven a clock in the Evening Cap^{t}. Roach coming to Trepopalore a place where Captain Courtney's Company were lodg'd, who were order'd by the Gov^{r}. to esteem and obey Cap^{t}. Roach as their Superiour officer, in which Company I the Subscriber am a Serjeant, Corporall Delan and myself did ask y^{e}. said Cap^{t}. Roach leave to go to the Fort, which he granted we might do this morning, & accordingly we came and went to Visit Cap^{t}. Courtney, he being under Confinement, he ask'd Us how we did, I answer'd We were all well and then Delan and I took our leave of him, and went to Lewis Palmeris, where we stay'd but a very little while, and going from thence we mett Ensign Brooks who carryed Us with him to Sybrand Peterson's, from whence Cap^{t}. Courtney sent to call Me, and when I came to him, he told Me that Sybrand Peterson, advised him to write a petition to the Govern^{r}. and gett what hands they could to it belonging to his Company, but that the said Cap^{t}. Courtney should seem to know nothing of the matter & that the said petition should appear as a Voluntary act of the Soildiers, and Accordingly the said Cap^{t}. Courtney did write a petition with his own hand, and gave it to Ensign Brookes to have it Copyed over, who gave it to Delan to Copy it at Peterson's house, and when it was Copyd the said Ensign Brookes burn't the Original and gave Peterson the Copy to get sign'd and the said Peterson and I went to Trepopalore to get what names we could to it, but the said Peterson carrying it in his breast, it was very swetty, so at Trepopalore, it was wrote over again by Edmund Chambers wherto we procured Severall hands and is the same petition I deliver'd the Govern^{r}. to the truth of all which I now make Oath, and in confirmation of the Same, have hereunto [sett] my hand in Fort S^{t}. David Jan^{ry}. the 24th. 1711.

HENRY COGHRAN.

No. 19.

COPY OF THE DEPTY. GOVERNRS. LETTER TO CHEIF AND COUNCILL AT PORTO NOVO.

SRS. AND GOOD FREINDS

I received the favour of yr. Letter of the 18th. instt. new stile, wherein you advice Me the Orders you have receiv'd from your Superiours at Negapatam, relating to our five Deserters, which very much Surprizes Me, and have laid it before the Honble. the Governr. and Councill at Fort St. George, who to be sure will give a proper Answer to it; but can't help expressing my own Surprize, that I should receive such treatment from an ally, who knows we are engaged in a bloody warr, against the Moors, and ought rather in so publick a Cause, to have assisted Us with more, than taken them from Us; and in hopes of better treatment, I send you with this a Serjeant, and ten peons, to whom I desire you'll forthwith deliver them; for whatever they may have been, formerly in your Service, they are now under obligations to serve the Honble. Company in England, three years more, then they have; and of the four, yt. you lay claim to as a Country man of your's, is actually of English Parents, and of London tho he speaks your Language very well.

I am
FORT ST. DAVID
JANUARY 21ST. 1711 [12].

SR. & GOOD FRIENDS
Your humble Servant
ROBERT RAWORTH.

No. 20.

COPY OF A LETTER FROM THE GOVERNR. & COUNCILL OF PORTO NOVO TO THE DEPTY. GOVERNR. OF FORT ST. DAVID.

SR. & GOOD FRIEND

We had the Honr. of your Letter dated the second past Month, wherein you desired we would Return your Deserters, that fled here for protection, about which advised you before, as not in our power, we wrote to Negapatam and received Orders to return you one, by name Charles Carles of London, as a Subject and immediate Servant under the Crown of England, and for the other four they are known to have served Us, and one whose name is John Derricks of Amsterdam, run from hence again, we have orders to send the four above mentioned to Negapatam; for Charles Carles if you'll send any body he shall be deliverd, the time he has been here he has spent three Pagodas; we keep him very Secure: Recommending you to Gods protection We are

Yours &ca.

PORTO NOVO
JANRY. 18TH 1711 [12].

DIRCK BATH.
VEIN LYLL.
VAN HUVEN.

No. 21.

COPY OF ANOTHER FROM DITTO TO DITTO.

SR. & GOOD FRIEND

Wee received your's of the 21st. inst.] S. N. but not sign'd as we must remitt a Copy to Negapatam, desire you will please to signe, and remitt it, and then we will deliverr to your Serjeant, Charles Carles who has expended two Pagodas eight

fanams, we advised you before by an estimate three pagodas, for those persons we sent to Negapatam we are obliged to follow Orders, which is all save our Wishes for y^r^. Prosperity Remain

S^R^. & Good friend[s]
Dirck Both.
W. Vanzeet.
M. V. Heuven.

Porto Novo
Feb^RY^. 2^D^. 1711 [12] N.S.

No. 22

To the Hon^BLE^. Edward Harrison Esq^R^.
President & Govern^R^. of Fort S^T^. George &ca. Council.

Hon^BLE^. S^R^. &ca.

Wee send by this Boat 29 bales of Callicoes Amounting to two thousand one hundred ninety eight Pagodas twenty two fanams as ℔ Invoice which with bill of Lading is inclosed, and wee hope before you'll have received the Dacheroon Cloth ; M^r^. Faucett advising under the 9^th^. of 16 [bales] made up with a boat ready to Carry them, and the remainder in three or four days time, when he'll return hither, and bring musters of Chay Goods with Bramp[ore] Chints, to be sent you with their prizes by first opportunity.

The Rajah Ananterauz Labours under very bad Circumstances ; the Nabob having taken most part of his Country, and consequently gain'd a Generall Subjection and Obedience from All people wherefore we resolved to Supply him with powder and Shot, which has been very Acceptable, and we shall make up Our difference of town mony on the best terms we can ; so with due regard to our Investment, and the tappy peons ; We find it no ways safe to have any Long Dispute.

This with Copy of our last and Consultation[s] and Diarys to the last of Novem^r^. and our Constant Respects is what offers from

Hon^BLE^. S^R^. &c^A^.
Your most obed^t^. humble Ser[v^ts^.]
Francis Hasting[s].
Robert Cranwell.
Thomas Faucett.

Vizagapatam
Jan^RY^. the 14^TH^. 1711 [12].
Received the 28^TH^. D^o^.

No. 23

To the Hon^BLE^. Edw^D^. Harrison Esq^R^.
Pres[i]ent & Govern^R^. of Fort S^T^. George &c^A^. Council

Hon^BLE^. S^R^. &c^A^.

This comes by Tappy peons with Copy of our's dated y^e^. 14^th^. instant, and Invoice for 29 bales laden on a Country boat, which hope you'll receive with twenty more from M^r^. Faucett, which he writes under the 11^th^. were on board a Vessell that would saile in two days time.

We most respectfully Subscribe.

Hon^BLE^. S^R^. &c^A^.
Your most Obed^t^. hum^ble^. Serv^ts^.
Frances Hastings.
Robert Cranwell.

Vizagapatam
Jan^RY^. y^E^. 16^TH^. 1711 [12].
Received y^E^. 28^TH^. D^o^.

No. 24

To the Honble. Edward Harrison Esqr.
President & Govern[r]. of Fort St. George &c[a]. Councill.

Honble. Sr. &c[a].

The 11th. Current recd. Letter from Mr. Tho: Faucett at Ingeram, requiring a Covid of each piece of Chay goods for a muster, also the same of Brampore; being noe Musters of Brampore, I bought 2 Covids sent them that Day.

The 16th. Current rec'd a Letter from Mr. Faucett the formr. musters sent being not sufficient; as by Order from Yr. Honr. required the whole remnants of all the C[h]ay goods sent them, being as under Specified; bought a peice of Gunnys to lay them up in, no chay goods remaining here.

Allejaes	2 peices.
Colloway pooes	2 Ditto.
Sasarguntes	2 Ditto.
Goconcherellaes	2 Ditto.
Sadderrunches	2 Ditto.
Saserguntes Romals	2 Do. fine.
Ditto Ditto	1 Do. ordinary.
Purple Romalls	1 Ditto.
Bengall Romalls	1 Ditto.
Chints Severall	1 Do. Sorts.
Ditto Aborchay	1 Ditto.
Brampore	2 Ditto.

The 14th. Mecire Asseddola and Mowsom Cawn belonging to Habbit Cawn Rajahs, Upper Row people; Wasse[. . .]Saddenob, Rangaraz and Aneaneed, came to [Guddera] and turnd out Mahomud Jarrs people took the [govern]ment; the 15th. ditto sent to Guddera, orderred both [horse] and ffoot to march out, after a days dispute found [they] could not gett their mony; Second Summons com[menced]if they did not march out, they would kill them; y[esterday] at night they are marchd out; giving them cha[rge] not to meddle with any thing, if they did would[. . .]them; I hope these parts will remain quiett.

The 18th. Curr[t]. About four a Clock your General for Vizagapatam came, that minute sent for E[. . .]lingaparr.

Upper Row hath not yet made his Entry on Dew, hourerly [*sic*] expecting new Government; giving encouragement to people to Settle there, [. . .] the Government and he is agreed; mony paid to [Maho]mud Yarr[*sic*], not putting his Seal for the same, occasioned them to have a generall meeting here, for his widow to signe thereto; having his Seal in her Custody.

These people having turn'd out all Mahmud Jarr's people have writt a generall Letter, to the new Suba of Golcondah; what they have done, that the Country may be free from Such bad people; what Orders he is pleased to give about the Government and widdow, wait his Answer therein; Jentues return to their Governments, Mecire Asseddola and Mowsom Cawn stay.

From Bengall 15 purgoes of Rice come, from the northward seven boates;

The 22d. Curr[t]. about Eleven came your Honrs. Generall for Vizagapatam, dispatched that Minute, peons return'd, with these I humbly crave leave.

Metchlepatam
Janry. 22d. 1711[12].
Received Janry. 29th.

Honble. Sr. &c[a].
Your Obedient Servant
Phillip Noden.

P.S.
Dispatchd at nine at night, not detain'd.

No. 25

To the Honble. Edward Harrison Esqr.
President & Governr. of Fort St. George &ca. Council.

Honble. Sr. &ca.

I have advised your Honr. of 24 bales of Callicoes sent hence on Accot. the Honble. Company ℔ boat Latchene after which more Goods coming in and the winds not favouring give an opportunity for 6 more, the Tandell could not give a bill of Lading for them And when your Roger was ask'd, he replyed that he had own'd the receipt of 30 bales in a Letter to yours the invoice with the bale notes agreable with Jentue ones included in the bales, is to be sent to Vizagapatam to be forwarded from thence to which place I am ready now to return, tho more cloth [is] coming in, which I have refused, because the Sea is far spent, and and an opportunity of a Vessell uncertain, the Roger would take no freight for the bales.

These partes may be compared with some [in] Bengall and this great river, with that of Ganges with the number of small ones that run to Corangy which lyes to the No: ward, and others which bra[ke] out to the Southward with the Land that lyes [very] low and subject to be over flown with the River, it was last Year the Country about very po[pulous] as far as I have seen, to conclude the situation [. . .] this place gives the fairest prospect for the great investments of cloth and of most sorts too, with[out] Lett or hindrance, being out of any Nabobs[Way] and where the moors never came but once as I hear of, and what may appear more strange ha[s]an Europe Man in this age, tho not above a day's Journy from Maddapollam, so yt. since I have been here, people dayly come to our compound purposely for the Sight of a white man.

In Ingeram is made fine Long cloth and Ging[ham] Sheets, Beeteelaes, and most sort of white goods, in [. . .]places adjacent Chints and chay Goods, but for want of business many of those Familys are gone last year.

Ingeram — Honble. Sr.
Janry. 19th. 1711[12]. — Your most obedient Serv[t].
Received the 29th. Do. — Tho: Faucett.

No. 26.

To Ye. Honble. Edwd. Harrison Esqr.
President & Governr. of Fort St. George &ca. Council.

Honble. Sr. &ca.

We wrote you yesterday by Ensign Paddle, under whose charge, We sent you by two chellingers Capt. Courtney his Ensign and Serjeant, who we dont doubt long before this will be safe arrived with you.

We trouble you with this so soon after, to acqut. your Honr. &ca. that this morning from our out Guards, we have observed, our Enemys working prodigiously thick, and with the Utmost Expedition upon Bowore Pagoda; as we suppose with a Design to levell it, and plant the two field peices they got from Us at Mardore upon it; and then in imitation of some Choultreys we have lately fortified, flung up an Intrenchment for the protection of their Foot in case we assault it.

This pagoda is not above a mile and half from Us, and as they design to keep seven hundred peons, and some Horses constantly there, they will undoubtedly give Us a great deal of trouble, if they are permitted to settle; and we could drive 'em away immediately with our Culverin, but are fearfull of doing it, because the town belongs to the Duan, who we are mighty apprehensive should we heave

any Shott into his Territorys, tho it was actually against Serrop Sings people and we slaughtered none but them, would lay hold of it as a handle to break with Us [&] [demand] a Sum of mony from y^r^. Hon^r^. &ca. We therefore request your speedy Orders how we shall act in this nice point, in the mean time we have wrote to the Cheif Inhabitant of the Town to lett him know that its not agreable to the strict Friendship, that has for so many years continued inviolable, between the English and his master, to suffer our Enemys to build Fortifications in his town, in Order to annoy Us; and that he must not take it amiss, if we use all hostile means we can invent to drive them thence.

Last Night we had a small skirmish att Trepopalore with about two hundred of Ackla Naigue peons who came out of the woods in which one of our Topasses Lost his Arm.

We have not above ten Garse of paddy of the Company remaining which we must be obliged to keep for the use of the soildiers and peons, which together with y^e^. Southerly winds, and Currents that are set in pretty strong and undoubtedly, will prevent your sending Us a Supply, we are fearfull may make our town and Villages very bare of inhabitants; however we shall if possible keep the Weavers, Painters and Moquars, being of the poorest sort most usefull to Us. We are

FORT S^T^. DAVID
JAN^RY^. 26^TH^. 1711[12].

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &CA.

RECEIVED 1^ST^. FEBR^RY^.

Your Obedient humble Serv^ts^.

ROBERT RAWORTH.
RICH^D^. FARMER.
JOHN BERLU.
RICH^D^. HARRISON.
PHILLIP BAKER.
MATTHEW WELD.
HENRY COTTRELL.

No. 27

TO THE HON^BLE^. EDW^D^. HARRISON ESQ^R^.

PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R^. OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE &CA. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &CA.

Our last to your Hon^r^. &ca. was on the 29^th^. instant since which N materiall has happen'd, nor have Wee been favour'd with any from You.

This comes by M^r^. Bernard Benyon on the Sarah and Hester, who according to your Orders, has taken place as third at this board, since his arrivall here, and will be very able to give you a particular Acco^t^. of the Circumstances, our military and merchantile [*sic*] affairs are in at present, so we shall not trouble you by this Conveyance about them, but referr you to him he having viewed our bounds and Fortifications, and consequently will be able to give you a more lively representation of them, than we can do in a Letter.

Pursuant to your Orders we now return your Hon^r^. &ca. thirty eight Europeans in Lieu of the reinforcement You sent Us by the Averilla a List of whose names is inclosed, we have obeyd your Directions as near as posssibly we can, and sent the most useless Amongst our Military, tho they are all white Faces and are pay'd to this day.

Our Cash is now intirely Exhausted and we have not a pagoda left to defray the charges Garrison, so hope you'll be so kind as to Consider Us, and replenish our empty baggs by the first Conveyance that presents and we shall in the mean time make the best shift we can, and prevent [it] possible any Discontent Amongst our Military for want of pay.

The Scarcity of grain still continuing, and finding your Circumstance at Fort S[t]. George so very bad, that its not in your power to supply Us; we have been endeavouring to gett a quantity from the Southward and dont find the Merchants we have Discoursed upon the Occasion at all averss to it, so we desire to know whether you'll please to permitt Us to strike up w[th]. them for two or three thousand pagodas worth thô at a little dearer rate than ordinary on the Companys Acco[t]. as their Garrison store, which if you don't receive the Usuall Supplys from the Northward, as we are the windermost port may be very serviceable to you.

We send you a parcell of Fellows that have been in prison some time as ☞ List inclosed, wherein is mentiond their Crimes, and what they have been suspected off, we desire you'll please to dispose of them, as your Judgement shall direct but hope if you are so mercifull as to enlarge them you'll give 'em a Caution not to come in our bounds more; We shall trouble you no more [now] than to wish M[r]. Benyon a safe arrivall with You And to assure You We are

FORT S[T]. DAVID
JAN[RY]. THE 31[ST]. 1711[12].
RECEIVED FEB[RY]. 5[TH].

HON[BLE]. S[R]. &CA.
Your Obedient humble Serv[ts].

ROBERT RAWORTH.
RICH[D]. FARMER.
JOHN BERLU.
RICH[D]. HARRISON.
PHILLIP BAKER.
MATTHEW WELD.
HENRY COTTRELL.

No. 28

TO THE HON[BLE]. EDW[D]. HARRISON ESQ[R].
PRESIDENT & GOVERN[R]. OF FORT S[T]. GEORGE &CA. COUNCILL.

HON[BLE]. S[R]. &CA.

The 23[d]. Dutch peons came from Golcondah, advising their people were forced to abscond some time, by the severity of Meerza Alley to them and all people advising Ebram Cawne is come having orders from King Shaw Allum to take care of the Country, till his farther Orders; we are informed since by peons he hath order'd two Men for this place being on the Way.

The 25[th]. January received your Hon[rs]. Generall of the 18[th]. ins[t]. at 3 a clock, dispatched that Intrim; I examined the Tappy's of Amydallœ Lanka not performing to go in six days; Vizagapatam performing in 4½ dayes, at most in five; he confessed it was their faults; would for the future be very expeditious in travelling.

I acquainted Goepana Desshoy, your Hon[r]. intending to write to him by the next Conveyance; this being the time to dispatch shipping for Europe your Hon[r]. was full of business; he prest mee again to request your Hon[r]. by all meanes not to neglect this opportunity to be very expeditious about Dew.

Dutch formerly Sollicited the King of Golcondah for it, were denyed; the[ir] Commissary that went to Aurengzeb did the same, could not obtain a grant for it, S[r]. William Norris solicitated, had no grant, Harsett Cawn opposed him; S[r]. William not making him his friend at first for the time he remain'd there, w[as] his Enemy; Dutch are forward with their present, having a desire to obtain Severall places to be free from the Impositions Of these Governments; they will certainly Request for it being near the Sea, its a place may be brought to great perfection; good Aire for planting of Cotton, Salt and mentaine itself with all manner of provisions.

Dutch still keep their Souldiers and peons on the town till Ebram Cawn's people come; to lett them know they kept the town for the King; deliver it up to them; the 15[th]. January took of our people from the point, Gunns still remain, Moores and we had some words about it, as yett troubles without, still robbing; first the Moores now the Jentues.

Your Hon^{r}. requires grain from this port; the out parts have none this Year, and very little imported this Season; from Bengall 15 purgoes, from y^{e}. Nor[th]ward Seven boates; these in Governments May thank themselves for their great Severity to Merchants, they are Satisfied all the grain Merchants have order'd all their Grain to Madrass; some days past the Southerly winds came in strong; if the winds shift they are assured none will come here.

Your Hon^{r}. requires wood at present, here is not a boat procureable for wood; all gon[e] to the Nor[th]ward for grain; what are here, very small; can't clear their Charges to come at a reasonable price; M^{r}. Bulkley writt about wood some small time past; as yett can't procure boates, if y^{e}. hott winds come up strong, than may gett up wood.

The 29th. January Letter came from Ebram Cawn to Auga Moyna; we have sent our Kindsman Russell Cawn to be Phousdar of Metchlepatam, to whom You are to deliver the Government; when Russell Cawn was at Chercore about twelve Jentues Leagues from hence sent this Letter and one from himself to Auga Moyna, may expect him in four or five Days.

This man is now at Besswarr, his sudden appearance has struck such [a] fear upon all these bad people; in [12] Hours none of them appear'd in these parts, all the Jentues and Moores run for it.

Here is news of Habbit Cawn being out of his Government, being order'd to Cateek.

This Day the Dutch began to withdraw their Guns from the town, we the same.

I have not sent any spice to Manneak Rowe, he writt twice, did not promise any thing, gave him notice I would acquaint your Hon^{rs}. being Masters of that place; not convenient to give him flatt denyall. I humbly crave Leave.

METCHLEPATAM
JAN^{RY}. THE 30TH. 1711[12.]
REC'D THE 8TH. FEB^{RY}.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &CA.
Your most Obedient Serv^{t}.
PHILLIP NODEN.

No. 29

TO THE HON^{BLE}. EDW^{D}. HARRISON ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^{R}. OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE &CA. COUNCILL.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &CA.

Our last to your Hon^{r}. &ca. was on the 26th. inst^{t}. since which on the 27th. we have been favourd, with two from M^{r}. Secretary Smart, of the 20th. and 22^{d}. inst^{t}. to cover invoices and bills of lading, for fifty Thousand Firewood Loden on board a Countrey boat, and seventeen thousand by M^{r}. Baker's, the last of which is safe arrived, but the other we hear nothing of, and suppose she is held by the Nose, by the South Easter, which since the 24th. instant has blown very fresh, and the Current we perceive to be likewise alterd with the wind.

We thank You for [your] generous Supply, which we Believe will be sufficient to last Us this Season, and desire you won't put yourselves to the trouble of sending Us any more, for as we have got no rice in our bounds, and quite dispair of any Supplys from You, a small quantity of fire will suffice to dress the provision we and all our inhabitants must be obliged to content ourselves with, who go away by two hundreds of a day and as we before have wrott You, we don't care to stop them, for fear we should have a pestilence added to y^{e}. two dismall Calamitys we at present labour under, Warr and famine.

Inclosed we send you the Copys of our Letters to and from the Mokusdar of Bowore, by which you'll perceive he's endeavouring to prevent our Enemys fortifying his pag°. notwithstanding w^ch^. our Spyes informed Us, they continue to work hard a[t] the trench they commenced flinging up, and we reckon it a very great misfortune that we dare not molest them, for fear of giving the Duan a handle to quarrel with Us, they have attempted in the night to surprize our Guards from that quarter, but have always been discovered and forc't to save their Lives by the Swiftness of their Feet.

M^r^. Bernard Benyon will return to you by the Sarah and Hester on Thirsday next, with whom pursuant to your Orders, we shall send the same number of Soildiers he brought down with him, and by that conveyance we will likewise forward to you some spyes; who we believe may be serviceable to the Hon^ble^. Company at their Settlement on the West Coast of Sumatra.

Our military are all in very good Order, and don't doubt in the least their remaining so, which the example lately made, we do believe will contribute very much to the Continuation of it, we omitted to advise you in our last, that two boys a week ago deserted from Cap^t^. Hugonin's Company, and went to the Enemys Camp, where they were immediately secured, since which our spyes informe Us they are sent away prisoners to Chinjee; We wish your Hon^r^. &ca. Success in your undertakings and are

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JAN^RY^. 29^TH^. 1711[12].
RECEIVED 4^TH^. FEBRY.

HON^BLE^. S^R^.
Your Obedient humble serv^ts^.

ROBERT RAWORTH.
RICH^D^. FARMER.
JOHN BERLU.
RICHARD HARRISO.
PHILLIP BAKER.
MATTHEW WELD.
HENRY COTTRELL.

N°. 30

TO THE HON^BLE^. EDW^D^. HARRISON ESQ^R^.
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R^. OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE &CA. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &CA.

To continue in Obedience to your Commands, we are first to acquaint You, that our last to your Hon^r^. &ca. was on the 31^st^. Ultimo by M^r^. Bernard Benyon, who took his passage on the Sarah and Hester, and in ours of the 29^th^. you were advised that the firewood Shipt on M^r^. Baker's and Tonnapahs Boats was safe arrived and how little Occasion we had for a further supply believing then it was not in your power to assist either the Inhabitants or the Companys immediate Servants with what in this Country may be calld the staff of Life, but to the particular satisfaction of ourselves as well as the free people who remain, wee this day received from one of the five boats you sent Us with Graine, Duplicate of your's of the 30^th^. past attested by M^r^. Secretary Smart, advising the Generous Supply You had sent Us on them, for which before we proceed to the particulars, Considering how slender a Store you have yourselves, and the Vast Number of the Inhabitants we think ourselves obliged to returne you our hearty thanks.

We cant tell by what Accident it happen'd that in Ours of the 9^th^. we mistook the Date of the forgoing, but shall be particularly Cautious how we put you to the trouble of making such remarks again, on Errors of that Nature and hope youll pass by those which before have happen'd.

Its a very particularr satisfaction to Us that Nothing can be said against what we alledg'd, to our not having the quantity of Bales we expected ready to Ship on the Averilla, on her arrivall, for surely it is impossible that the best Judges in the Creation should sort and embale Callicoes, in the drisling weather we had about that time and had we no Cloth then in the Washers hands, but all brown directly as it came from the Loom, we can't think the Sorters could with any Security have ventured their tickets in the bales, tho its very True you give Us free leave in yours of the 22d. of December, to patch up of that completion as farr as 150 bales, which is so large a Liberty yt. we look upon it to be much the same, considering our small Investment, as if you had put Us to no stint at [all].

We can't tell what your Honr. &ca. find, nor what may be the Consequences hereafter to the Company, but assure you our Merchants fel[t] the sad Effects of your turning the [Bales out] into this new Channell & no do[ubt] Their sufferings will prevent their being so assiduous as formerly for a share in that commodity again, its very probable that the streightness of their Circumstances may be the true Cause of it, joyn with the little experience they have in the vent of the Wollen manifactures, but at the same time we must confess its very Surprizing to Us, that Keettee Narrain who is both Oppulent and knowing in the affair and has likewise two shares with them should be capacitated to give them Directions, we assure your Honr. &ca. that we have spur'd and Gauld them too, to go up to the assistance of their ignorant Gomasters, but in vaine, and the most we can do is to prevail with four of them to come up about ten days hence, which is what they offten promised Us, but hope they wont fail us now, since their Interest is so nearly concern'd.

We are sorry our Generall Letter for Europe did not quadrate exactly with your's which we hope you'll excuse, we not having the purusall of it, and so were to represent without Ceremony, what in our Judgment was ffact; its most certainly true as you observe, that the paymasters Accounts for the month of September amounted to no more than thirty three Hundred fourty four pags. and believe we han't farr since exceeded it, but were willing in the Account we gave to England, rather to deminish than magnifie our frugality, and if you observe after having mention'd those Accounts to them, we referr'd to our particular Account Currants, wherein they (at one view) can see the particulars of our Revenues and Charges this last twelve month[s] in which we have not Omitted to acquaint them, wt. Arrack, Ammunition, Provisions and stores, you supply'd Us with at severall times, the Recruits we have drawn from your Garrison and Bengall, or what you might have disbanded had not it been for our Unfortunate war. You most undoubtedly are the best judges what it has Cost the Company, and we hope they may one time or other, (thô we can't expect it in our times) find this place Answer the Expence, and if disobedience could have entered our thoughts, we would (as once designd) have enlargd on these particulars in our Generall to England, but in yours by the Averilla you was pleasd to express yourselves that you believed a short letter would be more acceptable to the Company, than a long one which might have detaind the Ship, and considering our disappointment in that particularr, we are glad we wrote so briefly as we did, and reckon ourselves sufficiently honour'd that one part relating to Mr. Roberts, and our protest against him meets your approbation.

Your thanks pursuant to your Orders shall be given to those remaining in the place, who performed what you yourselves own to be a gallant Action, on the Enemies Intrenchment at Crimumbaccum, which was orderd by Mr. Raworth without our privity, as in our Letter on yt. Occasion, you were informed its very true in Our 7th. paragraph of the 14th. in Answer to yours of the 10th. relating to our taking Cows from the Enemies Country, we promised you unless necessitated for provisions, we would make no more incursions on that account againe but we cant remember, we ever promised you to act so contrary to our own preservation, as to permitt a parcell of Robbers to take away the Cattle, really belonging to Us, Stop all provisions, and Necessarys, That were coming that way for our Relief, and some times striking off the heads, and wounding others they imagined belong to Us,

besides we are now engaged in a bloody Warr, in which no Quarter is either given or taken and if on these Occasions its not Lawfull for Us, to destroy those who design our Destruction, we think we had better at once fling ourselves at their mercy, and request your possitive orders how we shall proceed, which shall be very implicitly Obeyed let the Tenor of them be what You please, and we promise you for the future to be very Cautious how we send so much as a shott out of our bounds, for fear you should hereafter term it a breach of your Orders, or say we had no Order for it, and so make Us lyable for what Damage Serrop Sing may say he suffered by that Action.

As we design well (whether our Actions are thought gallant or not) we hope they may be attended with all y^e^. good Consequences wee propose, and then we shan't doubt of a speedy peace, and the preservation of our masters estate, from Ruin and Destruction: how far M^r^. Hebert has interfeer'd to save, or destroy Us we wont pretend to say, since your Hon^r^. &ca. seem to be fully co[n]vinc'd, he is our Friend, and for the future we shall harbour no more ill thoughts of him, but our publick Allies the Dutch, who undoubtedly wish the Destruction of Us as much, as they do all Europeans in the world besides, they have sent Us as they first promised, One of our Men, but the other who the Serjeant Saw in their Factory, they detain'd as a Dutch man, thô he Was willing to come away, & denyed being of their Country.

We are extreamly glad you approve of our rigorous proceeding against Cap^t^. Courtney and the rest of his Accomplices, whose Character you have as exactly drawn as we could do, who have been some months acquainted with him, for thô he's very brisk and bold on all Enterprizes, yet certainly he's of so turbulant a Disposition that after he has performed that Office he's fitt for nothing but to desturb a Civill Governm^t^. Our officers and soldiers who remaine with Us, are peaceable and quiet Men, and we are of opinion, they will concern themselves with nothing more y^n^. leading their Men to battle when we order them.

Its what the Dep^ty^. Govern^r^. has ever since his Arrivall here, Endeavourd to prevent, nor has there been any severity practized amongst the military, but by the foremention'd unfortunate Gentleman, who had the best party and treated them the worst of any Officer in the bounds, so that those who left him did it out of disaffection, but the others, for no other reason than a Rambling disposition, and not knowing when they were well, however M^r^. Raworth took the Liberty to give Orders that none of them should be corporally Chastised without his immediate ℔mission some time ago; which he will now particularly persevere in, since its corroberated by your Order, and thô the soldiers have been admonish'd against putting their hands to any publick remonstrance whatever, yett we will again repeat it to them, believeing when they know You approve of our proceedings, it will have a better effect upon them.

Ensign Paddle arrived safe with the Party and Guns &ca. under his Charge, the 1^st^. Instant, and wee are very glad for the sake of M^r^. Hobbs you have so good opinion of him, believeing he will never forfiet it.

As our cloth is embaled we shall be sure to send it you by all Opportunitys that present, and hope to dispatch The Yatch full Laden by Thirsday next, to be return'd with what you think convenient to put in her, We are

FORT S^T^. DAVID
FEBRUARY 4^TH^. 1711 [12].
RECEIVED THE 10^TH^. D^o^.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &CA.
Your most Obedient Humble Servants

ROBERT RAWORTH.
RICH^D^. FARMER.
JOHN BERLU.
RICH^D^. HARRISON.
PHILLIP BAKER.
MATTHEW WELD.
HENRY COTTRELL.

No. 31

To the Honble. Edward Harrison Esqr.
President and Governr. of Fort Sr. George &ca. Council.

Honble. Sr. &ca.

Our last to you was on the 4th. instt. which we hope is safe arrived but since We have not been favourd with any from your Honr. &ca.

The reason of Our troubling you with this so soon after it, is to Answer some paragraphs of your last which upon Reperusall of your Letter we find unanswerd.

We have now within few bales a lading ready sorted for the Yatch, but the winds being again come about to the Northward, we know very well she is not nimble enough to work against it, so are resolved not to dispatch her to You, till the South Eastern blows again, when she shall with all possible expedition be sent You.

We thank your Honr. &ca. for Promising Us assistance in the room of Mr. Wahup, & wee hope you'll please to take Care they be not only capable, but diligent and sober, for since we are resolved to alter the old Methods of this place, and keep our business up exactly, according to the forme of Madrass, we shall have writing work enough to employ a very good hand or two from Morning till Night.

This is the seventh day of the month, and the Soldiers begin to be a little p[r]essing for their pay, but its our misfortune to be so very poor, that we have nothing in Cash, to give them satisfaction or defray other necessary expences; which we hope will induce you to pardon Us, for being so troublesom[e] on that score, and requesting you will not forgett to Supply Us by the first opportunity that presents.

We are with the utmost Expedition on loading the four grain boats that are arrived and Narran is very busy about measuring it off, as its brought ashoar, we shall be sure to give the boats the quickest dispatch possible after they are empty, that they may not be discouraged to come hither upon such an Arrant a Second Time.

Sunca Rama's Cloth was before the Receipt of yrs. sent to Madrass, on Colloway Chitte's boat, whenever any more comes in, we shall acquaint his Gomaster, its your Order that he does not send it from hence till he has first your permission.

Mr. Raworth rec'd a Letter from three Deserters a Dane, Dutch Man & Portugueeze which formerly belonged to Capt. Courtney, who (we suppose for fear of the Dutch) had taken Sanctuary in the Portugueze Church at Porto Novo, from whence, they would return to their Duty, if a pardon was sent 'em, which wee have complyed with, and expect them the first Opportunity that offers.

We have had no scuffle of late with our Enemies, nor have they appeard a long time, but were advised yesterday from Ponticherry, that being reinforc'd with both horse and Foot, and fourty horses arm'd and disciplined like Europeans, they design'd a Generall attack upon our out quarters; but as yet we see none of them, and whenever they do appear within our bounds, we shall endeavour to do what execution we can upon them.

Inclosed is a list of Arms sent up, with the party on the Sarah and Hester, which was omitted to be put in the packett by that Conveyance, we wish your Honr. &ca. health and prosperity, And are

Fort Sr. David
Febry. ye. 7th. 1711[12].
Received the 11th.

Honble. Sr. &ca
Your Obedt. humble. Servts.

Robert Raworth.
Richard Farmer.
John Berlu.
Richd. Harrison.
Phillip Baker.
Matthew Weld.
Henry Cottrell.

No. 32

To the Hon^ble^. Edw^d^. Harrison Esq^r^.
President^t^. & Govern^r^. of Fort S^t^. George &ca. Councill.

Hon^ble^. S^r^. & ca.

Yours of the 11^th^. Ultimo by Tappy peons came to hand y^e^. 23^d^. in y^e^. Evening, and the 29^th^. M^r^. Faucett return'd from Ingeroon [*sic*] after having laden on that Rajahs boat, and consignd according to your Directions 30 bales of Long cloth and Sallampores Amounting to One Thousand one hundred nine Pag^s^. and twenty Seven fanams, as ℔ Invoice, which with [the] Notes is inclosed, the Merchants Promised Ten bales more in a few days time, but M^r^. ffaucetts speedy coming hither to consult about our next investment, was of more Importance, he has brought musters of Brampore Chints and Chay goods of all sorts, and When the Merchants (who are hourly expected) come We shall send an Account of the prizes, and what quantitys they will engage for; with all thats Needfull relating to our investment: M^r^. Faucett acknowledges very civill treatment from the Govern^r^. and all people at Ingeroon, and Timrauz that Country Rajah gives frequent assurance of his Favour and Friendship, so that we hope considerable trade may be carryed on for y^e^. Comp^s^. advantage, in spight of the Dutch who have begun and will continue to do what they can to our prejudice.

We have likewise a good prespect of Trade in these parts from proposalls of peace between the Nabob & Rajah Annunterauz, the Latter having been favourably received, and Tasherieff'd, in order to the settleing the Difference of mony between them, which concluded its thought the Nabob will hasten to his Governm^t^. near Metchlepatam and restate Fuckerle Cawn, his Deputy in these parts as before, who we believe is well disposed to favour and encourage the Companys Trade.

The Nabob at our request has imprisond the pretended Guzbardar, and we doubt not but he'll be severely punished.

Now is the best time of the year for Settleing the Weavers to work, and when the Dasher[oon] Merchants arrive we shall advance Considerably towards our investment, wherefore desire you'll supply the mony and with the pag^s^. send ten thousand Madrass rupees for expences, we begg likewise that you'll remember th[e po]wder and Shot Factors provisions, Tarpawlins &cra. And most respectfully Subscribe.

Vizagapatam
Feb^ry^. y^e^. 5^th^. 1711 [12].
Received the 17^th^.

Hon^ble^. S^r^. &ca.
Your most Obed^t^. humble Ser[v^ts^.]

Francis Hastings.
Robert Cranwell.
Thomas Faucett.

No. 33

To the Hon^ble^. Edw^d^. Harrison Esq^r^.
President and Govern^r^. of Fort S^t^. George &ca. Councill.

[Hon^ble^. S^r^. &c^a^.]

Since our last to you of the 7^th^. we have been favourd with two from You of the 6^th^. & 7^th^. ins^t^. on a Danes Sloop and a Country boat, with the first of which we rec'd the ten thousand Pagodas you were pleased to send Us, and by the latter ten Garse of rice according to the tenour of the Invoice enclosd, for both which we return you our thanks and shall be as good husbands in the expence of them as you can possibly expect.

On Saturday last by Seven a clock in the morning, all the forces of Chingy appeard very near the place, they were encampt in before we defeated them att Whichmere, but finding Us provided to give them such another reception in case they entered our bounds they struck off and went to their Pagoda at Trevendeporum, where as our spyes informd Us they sacrificed to their Idol, and Consulted the Pandarrum there in what day or hour they should be successfull against Us, but it seems he gave them so very little encouragement to expect victory any more, that they returnd about eight at night to their Camp very much Dissatisfied with their days Expedition.

On Sunday about nine in the morning Two hundred of their ffoot from Ackla Naigues wood came down against Bandapoliam, but upon the commanding Officers going down upon them, with a party of forty men they retreated to the woods again with about the loss of four men, and a small Village which used to be their shelter, and was built close to our bounds upon the hills.

About five the same Evening three hundred of them came down against Chinganaigues Guard, which lyes between Bandapollam and Trepopilore, and where we keep a Serjeant and twenty Men, who advanc'd against them and killd Six and wounded twenty, upon which they retired with a great deal of precipitation, and they have since troubled Us no more in any of our Quarters.

We have for some time had a rumour of four french Ships being upon the Coast which together with contrary winds has prevented our dispatching the Yatch to You, but this day being advised they belong to our allies the Dutch, tomorrow God willing we will send her away, tho without any bales that she may be return'd Us laden with Rice & what other stores you may think Convenient to send Us.

This is all Materiall that has occurr'd since our last, so we will trouble Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. no longer than to wish you Success in your Undertakings, and Subscribe Ourselves.

Fort S^{t}. David
Feb^{ry}. y^{e}. 14th. 1711 [12].
Rec'd the 18th. D^{o}.

Hon^{ble}. S^{rs}. &ca.
Your Obedient humble Serv^{ts}.

Robert Raworth.
Richard Farmer.
John Berlu.
Richard Harrison.
Phillip Baker.
Matthew Weld.
Henry Cottrell.

P.S.—Sunca Rama & y^{e}. rest of your Merch^{ts}. have importyed[*sic*] on their joynt Acco^{ts}. upwards of Seven thousand pcs of Long Cloth ordinary since the dispatch of the Averilla which lyes in Cuddalore.

R. R.
R.F.
[J.B.]
[R.H.]
P.B.
M.W.
[H.C.]

No. 34

To the Honble. Edwo. Harrison Esqr.
President. & Governr. of Fort St. George &ca. Councill.

Honble. Srs. &ca.

According to our promise made Yesterday in our Generall Letter, now comes under the charge of Peter Youngblood, the Yatch which I wish safe to You, tho much fear when I consider how dull a Sailer she is, & how the winds at present stands, he will meet with a long passage.

The List of Stores wanting, by her to be sent, in this Garrison when You design to return her to Us, shall be forwarded by land, in a Generall Letter, the Councill's Names not being put to this is because they yesterday consented to her dispatch, which is the reason why you are troubled with this, Sign'd by

Fort St. David. Honble. Srs. &ca.

Febry. ye. 15th. 1711 [12]. Your Obedient humble Servt.

Recd. ye. 19th. Ditto.

Robert Raworth.

No. 35

To ye. Honble. Edwd. Harrison Esqr.
President. & Governr. of Fort St. George &ca. Councill.

Honble. Srs. &ca.

The bearer hereof this Evening about Six a clock deliverd Me your Generall of the 12th. inst. I return him so soon because I would not put the Company to the Expence of batte for him and believing the answer to it which I design by land will reach You sooner, whilst the winds nang in the [manner] they do, than if it went by [sea]. I am

Fort St. David Honble. Srs. &ca.

Febry. the 15th. 1711 [12]. Your Obedient humble Servt.

Recd. the 20th. Do. Robert Raworth.

No. 36

To the Honble. Edward Harrison Esqr.
President & Governr. of Fort St. George &ca. Councill.

Honble. Srs. &ca.

The 21st. of Octor. last we had the happiness to receive your Honr. &ca's Letter of the 17th. August, wch. brought the welcome news of his Honrs. safe arrivall, & our Masters shipping with You, which wee heartily congratulate; the accompanying Packett to the General and Councill of Bombay, and particular one to the Genll. we did immediately forward to them, which they have own'd the recpt. of, and as we find happily prevented a misfortune, the Catherine (that was intended down the Coast) was running into the like as befell [ye] Dutchess, by being taken by the two french Ships off of Gca in her passage down to Callicut & Mangalore which believe must be those You mentiond were bound to Moco, in which our Masters had a share of above £ Sterling twenty one thousand, as the Genll. and Councill advised Us, and from other hands Mr. Bennett for himself and owners of about twenty four

thousand Rup^{s}. what more (as no doubt there was of [the] Commanders and others) we have no Acco^{t}. of, we have not been [the only] sufferers by them, but the [Dutch] And Portuguese have been so too, each of them in an outward bound ship, as You will see in the accompanying relation, from our people at Callicut, sent Us by the Generall & Councill, which we now forward to You, that as it mentions of their going to your side, you may be prepared for them; thô we may rather believe their Intentions are otherwise, to cruize up & down on this, for more prey, till the Season shall offer for their going to Moco, we pray God deliver the expected Shipping of our Masters from them, which (as we believe) will come along the Coast, we must fear they will be in danger of them, except they should touch at any of the Southern Factorys, where, as they may have Notice of them will we hope prevent their misfortune as well as the Dartmouth's, which you tell Us is desingd [*sic*] hither.

In May last we rec'd one from the President and Councill of Bengall, of the 15th. of March before, wherein they advised Us that the Present designd for y^{e}. King from your place was by his removeall from it, and nearer them left to his management, for forwarding the same to him, which they were about doing; and we having advised them before that we intended to intercede for firmaunds, as well for the Coast and Bay as this place, they desired we would concert measures so as that the affair may not meet with any opposition; Copy of their Letter we sent the Generall and Councill, and they have Answer'd them as they wrote Us; that they had sent them a Draught of the priviledges for this side India, and desired them to present them same time they should theirs, that one Charge may serve for both; w^{ch}. was forwarded in [June last]. It runs Current here of an English Embassador, with a great retinue and present from Bengall is very near the Court, now at Leuhore, where the Dutch Embassador is hasting all he can from Agra, not without concern and fear y^{e}. other should be beforehand with him; and not knowing whether you have had an Acco^{t}. of their Embassy, shall here give it you in brief. In Aprill 1710 arrived here the Heer Cornelius Besoyan appointed to succeed from Batavia the Heer John Grotenhues, (when he should leave that place, as he was order'd to do by the next Years shipping) in the Directorship, and when the time offered for his going up to Court, he was to take upon him y^{e}. Title of Embassador; and just as he was upon undertaking that affair, (after five or six months he had been upon the place) he dyed; the Loss of him was much lamented as a person thô Young yet well qualified for business & of a good disposition, which made him much beloved and esteemd. The Heer John Joshua Ketelaar one of great experience of this Country that was appointd [as] his second by Commission succeeded in the Embassy, & on January the 25th. last took their departure hence, & the latter end of May gott to Agra, after a most Troublesome and expensive Journey; the severall Rajahs whose Countreys he was obliged to go thro, notwithstanding y^{e}. Kings Eddys, that accompanyed them, to protect 'em from insolences in their passage, took great sums of mony from them to the Amount as has been reported of two hundred thousand rupees before they gott to Agra; he has three appointed for his Councill to succeed in their Degrees in Case of Mortality, ten for his assistance, & fifty Europeans for his Gaurd & about seven or eight for his attendance all richly accoutred & three hundred peons besides [. . .] eall Servants of which there were [. . .] . The present consisted in Sixteen Elephants, thirty Persia Horses, fine Jappan ware of all sorts, Gold & Silver works, brass field peices, Guns and pistolls Spice in abundance of all Sorts, and oils of them all; which as esteem'd here to the Amount of three hundred thousand Rupees value, and their charges from their first setting in to their out setting, in maintaining y^{e}. Elephants and Horses and makeing necessary preparations for their Journey, calculated as we have heard they should say to about an hundred & fifty thousand Rupees, and before they return from their Embassy we may believe a million will not defray it &ca. they will get for it; time must inform Us, when we will You.

The late Govern^{r}. of this place Emanatt Cawn offered (as we heard) to assist them in w^{t}. they should reasonably desire, without the trouble of going up to Court for it, which he was sensible wu'd cost them dear; and for one hundred & fifty

thousa[d]. Rupees he would effect w[t]. was possible to be: to which they told him, they could not embrace his offerrs, being possitively order'd to proceed on the Embassy: in these Cases it has been observed, for a certain rule that what any wants to be granted in their Trade in Surat application is to be made to y[e]. Govern[r]. of it, and by him interceed for it, otherwise, as the Court has generally a Reference to him for information in all matters relating therein, and takes his judgment in it, so it will lye in his power either to Countenance or Obstruct the affair, as he shall find conducive to his own interest in it; as they would have found it had the late Govern[r]. continued, as having a great interest at Court, what this present one will do as he being [. . .] that dili[gence . . . Temper,] as y[e]. other was of Inclin'd more to pleasure than business; so we cannot judge what may be attempted in it.

In the late Govern[rs]. time we deliver'd in our Dem[nds]. for what was extorted from the Hon[ble]. old Company, which with Interest upon it amounted to Rupees four Million Six hundred fiveteen[*sic*] thousand eight hundred & Seventy and thirty two pice, but his removall to and from Court, then going upon an Expedition [against] the Savagees, afterwards from this Government gave him no time to Settle it, which otherwise as he had en[ded] the Dutches, so we had hopes he would Our's, which it had not that desired Issue, yet we shall not des[pair] bringing it to as good one an[*sic*] this change, as we should have done in the other, all that we fear will be objected against is the Demand against the King, and y[e]. in[terest] that has swelld the Acco[t]. to that magnitude, what we fear will not be granted Us, since it was not to the Dutch, and what is also against their law to do it. We have already made an entrance upon it, as on 23[d]. last past, by delivering him present Govern[r]. the [true] Acco[t]. with a Memorandum at the foot on't, of more interest due upon it, from the date of its delivery before to the late one, to this Last; which thô may be to no purpose, yet they must be made sensible of the Custom and whats strictly observed amongst Merchants here, & [highly]prejudiciall to them, if not complyed with as it [would] be to Us if not allowed Us, since as those Sums that [have] been taken from Us, has encreasd our Debts by its in[terest] so we ought in Justice to have the same consideration for our discharging of them, and how contrary to it; [those] that did extort the Company's Estate from Us, should [. . .] and encrease their's by it, without allowing Interest [. . .] will be obliged to pay it; which shall be our all [. . .] the pro [. . .] all Endeavours [. . .] to Want of asking, especially what we have a right unto.

We daily expect the Catherine from Bombay for her Europe Loading, which we have in a readiness for her; so that her stay in India will not be longer than y[e]. later end of this month or tenth of the next at farthest; by which (and hope before) to compleat another Ships Loading; which we believe will fall to the great London's share, the Shaw Allum at Callicut bringing news of Herr safety at Gombroon, which God be thank'd for; accordingly we may dayly expect her here, except she waits for a full freight; if so we must defer our expectations of her till Feb[ry]. and what will not countervail the disappointment of having her a winter Ship home; but if please God we have all or any of the other three, her longer stay, will than be no prejudice to our Masters.

The S[t]. David from Moco went into Callicutt, where those French were then at Anchor, and as good fortune would have it, by the assistance of a fresh Southerly wind, with the having the advantage of by falling to the Southward, gott into port before the Enemy cou'd weigh and so escap'd them.

The 7[th]. past the Dutch had 7 stout Ships arrived here; of which three were for this place, three for Persia, and one for Moco keeping Company to this, but unfortunately came this Year the outward passage but had they taken the inward (as they have used for severall Years to do) in all probability they would have had a brave prize of them, and all in their way; besides 't would not only have clear'd at the present the Seas, but may be, have prevented their sending for y[e]. future those blood and mony suckers upon any such enterprizes.

These are the occurrences to this present time, on arrivall of our Masters shipping, which we beseech God to grant, if any thing materiall by them or any other ways, shall Immediately by [*sic*] forwarded to You, by

SURAT
DECEMR. YE. 1ST. 1711.
RECD. FFEBRY. YE. 22D.

YOUR HONR. &CAS.
Most humble Servants
WILLIAM PROBY.
EPRAIM BENDALL.
BENJAMIN WYCHE.
THOMAS WILSHERE.

HONBLE. &CA.

Upon dispatching the foregoing we had news of the London's safety at Bombay which obliged Us to keep it till now to impart what may come Materiall by her as did the inclosed news from Persia, to which be pleased to be refer'd: Wee are

SURAT
DECEMR. YE. 15TH. 1711.
REC'D THE 22D. FFEBRY.

YOUR HONR. &CA'S
Most humble Servants
WILLIAM PROBY.
EPRAIM BENDALL.
BENJAMIN WYCHE.
THOMAS WILSHERE.

No. 37

TO THE HONBLE. EDWD. HARRISON ESQR.
PRESIDT. AND GOVERNR. OF FORT ST. GEORGE &CA. COUNCILL.

HONBLE. SR. &CA.

This Accompanys ship President that brought Us from the Gentlemen at Bengall the Packing stuff amot[s.] to Rupees two hundred ninety three, five Ana's and nine pice, for shall creditt Acct. Current ffort St. George but upon comparing the prizes in Invoice this place affords better and [cheaper].

Wee desire that you'll favour Us with a box of Medicines, and send a List inclosed.

We are told by Mr. Faucett that some old Gunn Carriadges and Timbers at Madapollam would be serviceable here if please to Order ye. Braminy to send them; We most Respectfully Subscribe.

VIZAGAPATAM
FEBRY. THE 8TH. 1711 [12].
REC'D THE 23D. DITTO.

HONBLE. SR. &CA.
Your most Obedt. Humble. Servts.
FRANCIS HASTINGS.
ROBERT CRANWELL.
THOMAS FAUCETT.

HONBLE. SR. &CA.

We now send Copy of our two last, under the 5th. inst. by Tappy Peons, and the 8th. by Ship President.

Peace is concluded between the Nabob and Rajah Annunterauz, and in few Days our Merchants will be going into the Country to provide Goods; our Dasheroon Merchants are detain'd as we suppose by that Country Rajah who lyes dangerously Sick; We most Respectfully Subscribe.

VIZAGAPATAM

FEBRY. YE. 10TH. 1711 [12].

RECD. DITTO 23D.

HONBLE. SR. &CA.

Your most Obedt. humble. Servts.

FRANCIS HASTINGS.
ROBERT CRANWELL.
THOMAS FAUCETT.

No. 38.

TO YE. HONBLE. EDWARD HARRISON ESQR.

PRESIDT. & GOVERNR. OF FORT ST. GEORGE &CA. COUNCILL.

HONBLE. SR. &CA.

Our last to You was on the 14th. inst. and upon ye. 15th. the Yatch was [dispatch'd] to You, under the charge of Peter [Youngblood] from Mr. Raworth advising You of it.

The same Evening about six a clock we rec'd the Honr. of your's of the 12th. by cattamaran, which was immediately returnd to You; and the next morning arrived Duplicate of the same attested by Mr. Secretary Smart from Our Tappys.

We have not since the 15th. been troubled any more with our Enemy till Yesterday, between 15 & 20 of their Horse appeard within three hundred Yards of Capt. Roach's Guard, which if we had permitted without shewing any resentment, we thought it might encourage a greater number to be as bold, so ventured to discharge a brass field peice at them, tho not within Our bounds, which broke one of their Horses Legs, upon which they retreated with precipitation.

As your Honr. &ca. with a great deal of reason surmize in your 4th. Paragraph, the Enemy on Mr. Raworths Letter to the Mokusdar of Bowore, desisted proceeding on the works, they had begun round & upon the Pagoda, thô tis still a shelter for them on all occasions; We have purused the Copy of the Duans Letter in answer to yours on that Occasion but don't find it gives Us any permission to drive them out, in case they should go on, which induces us once more to request your possitive orders in that affair, that it may be out of our powers to give You any manner of disgust.

As tis impossible for our Rounds to be constantly going so its not at all strange to Us, who very well know the distance between the Guards, that one or two persons should escape in the night time without being taken up by them, & we believe you'll be of the same Opinion when you discourse Mr. Benyon on that Subject, it is (however) particularly Satisfactory to Us, that you putt as little value upon the two boys that went away t'other day, as We do, and certainly they are such Villains, that deserve the worst of usage, which they now receive at Chingee, being close prisoners in Irons, without any manner of reliefe, and scarce Victualls enough to subsist with.

We are very glad to hear Mr. Benyon is arrived safe, after so much fateague which we are mightily concern'd he underwent, purely thrô the carelessness of those

to whom the fitting of the Ship was intrusted, but for the future, we shall know who to depend upon in such cases, and in the mean time pursuant to your Order, shall make a severe example of the Person, who told M^r^. Raworth the tanks were full.

We have Commenced facing the points which shall be carryed on with the utmost expedition and frugality possible that they may not be levelled by the next rains that fall, and we return you thanks for the care you take to preserve Us from the hands of our bloody and unmercifull Enemies, nor do we desire or expect you should permitt Us to Commence any other buildings till the dispute is ended between Serrop Sing and us whose ground this is.

The Merchants we dispatch'd to the Southward to try whether they could procure any grain are return'd, and tell Us they can gett the quantity we desire but that the ruleing people thereabouts won't permitt them to ship it off, so since we see no likelyhood of receiveing a further supply from your Hon^r^. &ca. we shall see how a bribe will work upon them and if by that means we gett enough to supply our Necessitys, till next season we will take care it be so disburst that the Comp^a^. be no loosers by it.

We will say no more of our Merch^ts^. or their bargain of broad cloth, since they will be shortly at Madrass to make the best of a bad markett, nor did we before know that the parts Kittee Narrain holds of the joyn[t] here, were Account of Brothers Children, which we Think should have induc'd him for their sakes, to have been friendly and ingenuous to Our Merchants in his advice, and thô he may make them believe, that he never consented to their accepting the Bargain, yet it will not be so easy a matter for him to make it appear to Serrapa, who has capacity, and Experience enough to deal with one of his principles.

Yours of the 16^th^. 17^th^. 18^th^. & 19^th^. paragraphs seem to be in Answer to the 5^th^. of Ours, of the 4^th^. ins^t^. which gives Us great reason to bemoan our hard Fate, that when our superiours tell Us plainly, we have not acted according to their Orders and Expectations, we should, when we are endeavouring to please them with the utmost submission, that we did as much as possibly could be done to merrit their applause, still procure to ourselves more, and more instances of their displeasure, which quite discourages Us from saying what we should, in answer to what you term your further remarks on our Generall to England, besides it seems to quadrate with your desire that we should trouble you no more on the subject so we shall only request You when your Leizure will permitt to reperuse the 6^th^. paragraph of it, and thô we have unluckyly mentioned Acco^t^. Current, instead of abstract, we leave you then to judge whether there is not something in it, from whence a rationall man would conclude, we had sent home some such thing, but whether One went to England, or no, we now inclose an [Acc^t^.] Currant to your Hon^r^. &ca. which we hope won't much deviate from what you have mentiond in your Gen^ll^. Letter by the Averilla.

You are very much in y^e^. right of it, the Intrenchment's being attack'd at Crimbumbaucum was not orderd by M^r^. Raworth himself, but the Ambuscade without our privity, so we did ommitt [our] Error in that paragraph, which we hope You'll excuse since we could propose no benefit by it, and M^r^. Raworth was not ignorant of what was the officers deserts, for Going beyond their Orders, but that he told some people in the place immediately upon their returne, that if they did not deserve to be shott to death, they ought to be broke for it, and that they should never go upon any command again, without some one superiour to them, & the only reason which prevented his persuing the strictest Discipline of a Garrison was in consideration of the great scarcity of brave active Soildiers we have in this place, so since his hands are tyed from doing what he would, he thought he had better say nothing of it, but show his resentment by keeping his resolution, and not send them abroad without a superiour any more.

We don't in the least doubt but that when we give You just reason to use Us ill, You are come to a resolution what measures to take, and we are very sorry that among the vast number of people who are subordinate to You, we should be the first that have mett with so severe an Expression, for its the first time we ever heard a

Servant reprehended for saying he would be cautious in his proceedings or asking his Masters Orders for his Guidance, which was all we said in relation to Our sending shott out of the bounds, or delivering Ourselves up to Serrop Sing.

According to your Order Mr. Raworth has reperused the perenthesis, in the first Line of the 7th paragraph of that Letter, and as he never design'd to offend you by any Expression therein, so he cant in his Opinion find one that will amount to an affront; but since your Honr. &ca. who are so good masters of punctilios, say it is not proper for an Inferiour to Use, he submitts, and hopes you'll excuse what he has say'd amiss, and he assures You for the future, to be so very cautious in penning his Letters, that it shan't be in the power of the worst Enemy he has in the world, to jest one Single Sillable in them so much to his prejudice as to make it appear, it is improper to writt by him to his Superiours.

We believe we never told You that Capt. Courtney was severe to his men in generall, but to ye. party he comanded, and we must still averr to You, that if any officer has been severer he must have cutt their throats, its very true there was one who was Ambitious of following his example but 'twas his good fortune to have his inclination[s] prevented when they were but Young, and he has been pardon'd for what he did, which was the reason we never mentiond his name to you; as we have allways done so we shall continue to take Care, to see that the soildiers are well used, and when any officer is found drunk on his post, we shall be sure to obey your Orders & break him.

We observe what your Honr. &ca. writes about the Duans setting out for the Tanjore Country on the 9th. inst. and if the Duans near these parts shall be sure to Obey your orders and send a Vakeel to his Camp.

We have received the List of soildiers whose wives receive part of their pay at Fort St. George which is the first yt. has come to our hands, tho we have heard talk of some such thing amongst our Lieutenants, who have stopd accordingly for them at the pay table here.

Besides the Account Current aforemention'd according to your Order, we now enclose to you, the last Accot. Cash of the old Companys with their Account Remains; and a more particular list of the crimes of the prisoners sent up to You on the Sarah and Hester, with a list of those remaining who were of very little Consequence, but not sent to you, because they were most of them prisoners of Warr, and the others by all Circumstances spyes, who if we had been inclinable to severity, must have been executed without Mercy.

Inclosed is a List of stores which desire you'll supply Us with by the Yatch, and we will as soon as we can procure any send you the quantity [of] Quills you order but at prest. we have none good by Us.

We have nothing more to add then to wish You health and prosperity, and do assure You we shall study for the future to deport ourselves so, that You may have no Occasion to accuse Us of ill manners any more in a Genll. Letter: Wee are

Fort St. David
Febry. the 18th. 1711.
Received ye. 26th. do.

Honble. Sr. &ca.
Your most Obedt. humble Servts.

Robt. Raworth.
Richard Farmer.
John Berlu.
Richd. Harrison.
Phillip Baker.
Matthew Weld.
Henry Cottrell.

No. 39.

To the Honble. Edwd. Harrison Esqr.
Presidt. & Governr. of Fort St. George &ca. Councill.

Honble. Sr. &ca.

Our last to your Honr. &ca. was on the 18th. instant, since when we have rec'd two from You of the 16th. & 19th. to wch. we shall now reply.

The Vessell by which Mr. Secry. Smart wrote a Short Letter to the Deptv. Governr. by order of the Honble. President, arrived here with the two Peons you sent on her; the 21st. the Master of which seem'd very aversd to land any of his Grain here, but at the last he has been prevaild upon, and he is now Disembarking with the utmost expedition all he has on board, which with the Generous Supplys, you before was so kind to send Us, will we hope be sufficient to maintain the necessary people in our bounds, till you procure Us a lasting and Honble. Peace, though it would be a very great satisfaction to Us, had we enough to support our inhabitants in Generall, and invite those back to a belly full, who are gone for want of it but since we have no Vessell to send You for Grain, and the Owners of Country Boats are so Timorous that they dont care to venture further to the southward than Madrass, we must be Oblig'd to make ourselves as Easy as we can and allways confess Our obligations to the Gentlemen who have supplyd Us with what we have already received.

The 21st. imported Sloop Fame and on her Lieutenant Thomas Wallis, and Mr. Elisha Ellill, the first of which shall in Obedience to yr. Command, have Capt. Courtneys station, and Mr. Ellill is at present with Gunner Francis Hugonin taking Accot. of the Stores and Viewing the Garrison, Outworks and bounds, that he may be capable to Succeed him in his Employ when You think convenient to call him from it, and next to your supply of rice; we think Ourselves obliged to return You our thanks for two such good officers.

Yesterday Imported a Danes Sloop and on her Mr. Augustus Burton & Stileman Gostlin, who shall be station'd as we find they will be most usefull to Us, and we shall have perticular reguard to the former, not doubting but his diligence and performance will Answer your Expectation, which if it does, he shan't fail of our Encouragement, and Recommendation to Your Honr. &ca. for as You are pleas'd to observe, if merrit be not taken Notice [of] business cannot be well done.

Lieutenant John Roach had Upon Our Demand Deliver'd Us Courtneys Commission which we here inclose; and have receiv'd that, You have been pleas'd to Honr. Serjeant Handlon with, which shall speedily be deliver'd him and indeed he has late[ly] added to his former merrit, by fresh Instances of his Couradge, which before we end our Letter we shall be oblig'd to speak off.

We are very glad to hear the Yatch is safe arrived with You, and are concernd since You think she might have made a trip or two, in the time [she] Lay idle here, that she was not sooner dispatch'd for Madrass which certainly had been done but that wee designd to load her with bales, for she was of no manner of use to Us here, however we hope the winds will prove so favourable & Variable As to permitt her to make Amends before the South Estr. is firmly sett in, and we are sorry the want of our List of Stores prevented your giving her so quick a Dispatch as You were able and design'd to do, which was inclosed in ours of the 18th. instt.

As the best of men are not free from Errours and mistakes, so it is not to be wonder'd if we some times fall under Your Censure, and are so farr from desiring your Honour &ca. to desist giving your Opinions, or finding fault where You think convenient, that thô we use our utmost endeavours to avoid all omissions whatever, yet we are so sensible of our own failings that we think ourselves the happyest people in the world to have such superiours, who are more willing to commend than conden our proceedings, and since You have in a manner left it to our Discretion, to prosecute the Warr, we shall be sure to do no more, then what to the best of our

judgment will tend to the procuration of a peace which thô we are mightily inclin'd to, and have not lately given any molestation to our Enemies without our Quarters, yet they wont permitt Us to rest within them, butt give Us a great deal of reason to believe ; Were we not Vigilant to the utmost degree, they would infallably cutt Us to peices and make this place their own, an instance of which happen'd Yesterday.

As M^r^. Raworth was going the rounds with Lieuten^t^. Roach and Hugonin in Company, from the first of our mud points that was Cast Up, he desern'd within two miles distance from it, the whole Body of the Enemies horse and Foot, in Penar River, passing to the Southward, on which he order'd two [Shots to be dischargd] from the Culverin And in a Small time they disappear'd, but when he came to Treepopalore from the new point there, he descry'd a large Body of them again marching very hastily into the woods and then Information, that Chittee Naigues Guard where Wee kept a Serjeant and twenty Men, had at five in the morning been attack'd by a thousand foot, who had compell'd them to retreat within the walls, wee had raised there for his security, where he defended himself till Ensign Hobbs sent a Detachment of 24 Granadeers under the command of Serjeant Handlon to his releife who forthwith attack'd them with such resolution, that he not only drove them out of the bounds, with good slaughter, but compell'd them to run confusedly up the Hills, again about half an hour after Six they were observed to be reinforc'd again by a large body of ffoot, and about fifty Horse, when they commenc'd their Attack again ; whereupon Lieutenant Roach march'd down to their relieſe, with the most part of Treepopalore party, when began a very hott skirmish, and it continued from that time very obstinately, till near three in the afternoon, before they could compleatly gett ridd of the Enemy, though they flung near twenty Cohorn shells amongst them and kept a continuall fire, with good success & Execution.

Whilst we were thus attackd in that part, Mobut Cawn with the main Body of Horse, appear'd in two Divisions to the Northward of Us, near 200 of which were posted before Whitchmere, and the rest at Uppatawadd[ee] where they continued diverting those two places, during the whole time their Foot was Engag'd on the other side, but no Execution was done on neither, and at the same time he likewise sent a small party of Horse & 300 foot to attack Us at Treepopalore, where we had the fortune to repell them [with good] Execution, and much about the Time they made their retreat from One Quarter the rest observed the motion and did so from the other, so that by four a Clock we had a clear field to range in.

We bless God we lost all the while (thô the Enemy fired very brisk) no more than one soildier, and only four More with as many Peons were wounded but none desperately, but what the Enemies Loss was we can't pretend to compute nor do believe we ever shall have a true acco^t^. thô we are sure it must be very Considerable.

We were in hopes they would have been contented with the reception they mett with yesterday and not have given Us any more trouble for some time but on the contrary about four this Evening they appeard just in the same manner again, but We believe have mett with more loss than Yesterday, for rather than suffer our people to be constantly harrass'd which must in the end weare 'em out, we thought it better to attack them, and accordingly Cap^t^. Roach formed his party into three Bodys under the Command of himself, Hobbs and Kirkbride and when there whole Body was gott together attack'd them in three severall places, which so Intimidated them, that they soon fled with the utmost precipitation, and we had the good fortune likewise, from one of our Culverin to heave five Shott into the main body of Horse which appear'd to the Northward, so that they soon troopd off in the manner their foot did, and we are at present pretty Easy, but how long shall continue so God knows.

Serrop Sing as we are inform'd was prompted to these attempts by a Rashboot call'd Eraman Hazaree who with a party of his own Cast had promised to give

him possession of Treepopalore in a short time, but as we have hitherto frustrated his intentions so wee hope we shall Continue to Do till the Last, which wee shall strenuously Endeavour and are

HONBLE. SR. &CA.

Your Obedient humble Servts.

ROBERT RAWORTH.
RICHARD FARMER.
JOHN BERLU
RICHARD HARRISON.
PHILLIP BAKER.
MATTHEW WELD.
HENRY COTTRELL.

HONBLE. SR. &CA.

Capt. Roach was abroad when we wrote the 5th. paragraph relating to Capt. Courtney, and depending upon the truth of what you say he told your Honr. &ca. relating to his Commission, we ventured to tell You it was inclosed in this, but since on asking Capt. Roach for it, he say's he is so far from having it that he never saw it.

Your Obedt. Servts.
ROBERT RAWORTH.
R.F.
J.B.
R.H.
P.B.
M.W.
H.C.

No. 40.

TO THE HONBLE. EDWARD HARRISON ESQR.
GOVERNR. OF FORT ST. GEORGE FOR THE ROYALL ENGLISH COMPA. & TO THE WISE GENTLEMEN OF COUNCIL.

HONBLE. SR. &CRA.

Your most esteemd letter of the 19th. past O. S. wee have receivd and by it see what you are pleasd to let us know concerning the two persons former Inhabitants of your place named Madam Rachell Abendena and Monsr. Heiss, who after they went to Paliacat were there marryed, and from thence came to this place; We also observe the complaints you make 'gainst them &ca. to which we shall humbly reply; We are sorry to hear you are so dissatisfied with the Proceedings of the German Missionary, Ziegenbalk (sent out by the King) whose irregular proceedings in marrying those two Persons without Notice given, or leave obtaind of Govr. Harrison, it is a thing that doth not lawfully come under our Jurisdiction but we shall not fail to represent it to our Principalls with all the Circumstances who doubtless will bring him to a tryall where it will be lawfully adjudg'd of.

Discoursing of Padre Ziegenbalk about that matter he declared that the marriage was brought abot. by means of the Dutch Cheif of Paliacat Monsr. Martins by name, & that Joseph Abendena one of the Heirs of Isaac Abendena (being then of age) did by Petition represent, that by reason of what goods Seizd at Madrass, & the Demands they had of some Jews in Europe there could not be a finall partition made of the Estate till those matters were adjusted, therefore desired the said Estate should remain in the hands of his mother, till such time all matters were adjusted, the Contract was made with the Consent of the said Dutch Cheif, and Wittnessd by

Dutchmen: Wee afterwards sent for Mons^{r}. Hiess, & acquainted him wth. what you wrote against them, who gave in his Answer in writing (an attested Copy whereof comes inclosd) & presenting Unto Us severall Originall Certificates of the points therein containd; upon which we did conclude that the Government of Madrass did desist from any pretentions they had to the Testament of the deceas'd Isaack Abendena, for before the Estate was settled and adjusted, they did permitt the widow and her son to go to a strange place, & to carry away some of the goods in Trunks and a Great large Chest in presence of one of the Councill, (the which thing Padre Ziegenbalk and some of his servants do certifye;) so that what happend afterwards in this Case was under the Dutch Government at Paliacat, where they had been for some months, and Had communication by Letters with one or other of the Councill, and had sent them a protest, and so retired hither to seek protection under our Sovereign King the which protection we could not refuse for neither the deceasd nor any of these were Ever in y^{e}. Royall Comp^{as}. Serv^{ce}. but as other free Merch^{ts}. in a place that is free for all Strangers; besides none of them are of the English Nation, the Husband being a subject of the King of Prusia, & the wife a Dutch woman, who are free when they dont care to stay longer in a Place to go to another to better their fortune and they are neither of them chargd to be indebted to the Comp^{a}. nor to any particular persons where they dwelled; for by reason of some Pretentions she had remaind three Years in Madrass, after the decease of her husband, greatest part of whose Estate belonged to her, she complaining of the wrong done her in seizing thereof before she was again marryed, and taking the goods and Tools of Mounsier Hiess with which he maintain'd himself; besides the Conclusion of the Testament (of Isaac Abendena deceas'd) confirm'd it that Madam Abendena is y^{e}. sole Executrix, and considering the Substance of the Testament, to whom the greatest part of the Estate of the deceasd Isaac Abendena pertains (and according to the declaration of Mons^{r}. Hiess's inclos'd paper) and is still detaind in Madrass, they both offer that if the English Governm^{t}. will give them in writing that their seiz'd Goods and Bonds that are in their possession now, will be returned to them & Liberty granted to go to their Country, on their Shipping & make good the Damages y^{t}. may happen to them in the Voyage Caused by the Enemies of their Nation; they will come again to Madrass.

So that by reason of these circumstances wee could not agree with your Hon^{r}. & wise Councill in w^{t}. You required, & we interceed y^{t}. all the differences betwixt both parties be adjusted here; if there be any other pretentions against them & in the space of two mo. your Hon^{r}. & Councill will send an attorney with sufficient power, then You shall have all the justice according to the Law & Ordinances of our Sovereign Majesty; in the Interim we hope You'll take this our just excuse in good part. Wee are

Hon^{ble}. S^{r}. &c^{a}.

Your Most Oblig'd friends and Servants

Johannes Hassins.
Andreas Kralre.
Charles Brun.
[Jacob] Panck.

Fort Dansburg
March y^{e}. 5th. N. S. $17\frac{11}{12}$.

N[o.] 41.

The Declaration of Mons^{r}. Hiess M^{rs}. Hiess & Joseph Abendena, to the Govern^{r}. & Councill of Trincombarr, relating to y^{e}. deceas'd M^{r}. Abendena's Estate.

By the Notice that your Hon^{r}. & Councill of this Fort Dansburg gave Me, we understand that the Gentlemen of the Government of Madrass do say, that we went to Paliacat on pretence to Visit some friends, and that privately we had retired thence to Trincombarr.

It is impossible secretly to retire from Madrass to Paliacat with four trunks and two Chests, one of which is of that laregeness [*sic*] full of cloths, that twenty Coolys could scarce carry it; besides were not under any necessity of retireing privately; the Gentlemen of Madrass could not hinder Us, we being strangers were free to seek our fortune where we thought best, neither have the said Gentlemen any power by the Testament of the deceased Abendena according to the last Article of said Will.

The principall Cause which Obligd Us to crave protection of the Sovereign Majesty of Denmark, was y^{t}. Govern^{r}. Harrison did attach our Goods which are yett [in] Madrass, which consist part in Goods perishable & others to the amount of five or six thousand Pag^{s}. which was done by reason of a protest wee made against the said Govern^{r}. dated Novem^{r}. y^{e}. 21st. 1711.

As to the pretentions Govern. Harrison has of dividing the Estate on Our marriadge, we demand if the Gentlem^{n}. of Madrass think they have any power from the Testament of the deceasd Abendena, and if they can do it without our being present, for allmost all the effects of the deceas'd are in y^{e}. hands of English Gentlemen & Jews in England as we shall Prove.

First	Pag^{s}.	2,400
The interest of the same	„	1,700
	Pagodas	4,100

Which Pagoda's Govern^{r}. Pitt took (after the Death of Abendena) from my wife Rachell, and said Abendena in his life time did declare he ow'd not said mony, the pretentions was in the Year 1701 & in part of Govern^{r}. Pitts receipt it is mentiond thus "Provided I would give my receipt for the same and Oblige myself "and my Heirs for the repayment thereof, or such part thereof as she shall hereafter "prove she has paid in her wrong."

	Th. P.	
There is more in the hands of M^{r}. Bernard Benyon in Bonds	Pag^{s}.	2,000
		1,500
		300
		300
		1,000
	Pag^{s}.	5,100

We have given besides this to Govern^{r}. Harrison for security Pag^{s}. 1,000 in part of his receipt 'tis said thus "for which sum am answerable when she shall "please to demand."

Signd.
E. H.

There is in our hands a bond concerning a Horse Pag^{s}. 170

sign'd
Ferdmand Coningsby.

Another Bond of Pag^{s}. 500 and others which we mentiond not.

By all these Acco^{ts}. the Gentlemen of the Governm^{t}. of Madrass may see how much may remain according to the Testament of the deceas'd.

We are very sorry that the English Gentlemen will not produce the Testament of y^{e}. Deceas'd, so we shall declare two articles of the same;

If the Marriage had been in any place "where there had been a Jews Syna-"gogue, in this case Notice should have been given them."

Upon this we say there is no Jews in Paliacat only Protestants and Moors.

Besides my wife being allways honest and good, for that reason her deceas'd Husband made her Executrix of his Testament as you may see by the last Article.

"And I do hereby make and ordain my b'loved wife Rachell Abendena to be "the Executrix of this my last Will and Testament, revoking all other Will or "Wills by me made in Wittness &ca."

J. A.

And by this and other Reasons You may clearly see y^t^. the English Gentlemen have no power to detain our Goods under pretence to make a Dividend of the same, and it is clearly seen that the English Gentlemen will hinder our Voyage for Europe, & therefore we all of Us do protest.

As to what the English Gentlemen say concerning the ill proceedings of the Lutheran Minister, wee'll have judges that know the Lutheran Theology, for the said minister did what he should or ought to do, for before we were marryed we made a Contract, which might be made by reason that Joseph was twenty five years of Age, and it is signd by Dutch Wittnesses, and was done after Notice given to the Dutch Cheif of Paliacat Mons^r^. Martins.

Finally we supplicate your Hon^r^. &ca. Councill that in such a just cause Youll Continue Us y^e^. Protection of his Sovereign Majesty of Denmark.

Wee also desire youll send notice of this our Answer, to the Gentlemen of Government of Madrass; & also if the Gentlemen of the Government of Madrass will give Us security that they'll not hinder our Voyage on the English Ships for Europe in October Next, and make good the Damage which may happen by the Enemys of their Nation, and restore to Us the Goods that are in Madrass, we will come there: We are with all Respect,

TRINCOMBAR — HON^BLE^. S^R^. &CA.

MARCH Y^E^. 5^TH^. N. S. $17\frac{11}{12}$. — Your Hon^rs^. &ca. Most humble serv^ts^.

RECEIVED [*lacuna*] — JOHAN ANDREAS HIESS.

MARK OF RACHELL HIESS.

JOSEPH ABENDENA.

No. 42. *

TO THE HON^BLE^. EDWARD HARRISON ESQ^R^.
PRESID^T^. & GOVERN^R^. OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE &CA. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &CA.

Pe[r]ceiving by the motions of the Enemy that their intent was to skirmish with Us dayly in our Quarters, [next] to the woods, hoping no doubt thereby to weary out [our] men we resolved for our preservation, and their Ease [to] fling up another mud point there, which according[ly] we commenc'd last Sunday morning, and order'd Cap^t^. Roach with one hundred men to cover the workmen which accordingly he did, and very early possessd him[self] of the dry ditch, and bushes which allways before served the Enemys for a shelter; so we carryed on our work [without] any molestation till Tuesday in the afternoon, w[hen] Cap^t^. Howsen advancing a little too farr, from his station and the other parties, with the division he com[manded] they were encourag'd to come down in a full body from Hills, with the Expectation of cutting him off, before he could receive any Succour, and indeed their succ[ess] had like to have answerd their design, which Cap^t^. Roach and Hobbs perceiving, they immediately joynd him, [and] there began a very sharp conflict which lasted near an hour and half; but in the End Compelld them to fly with precipitation and no doubt Loss, thô we have had no more on our side than two Topasses wounded, & a Gunner from one of our own Cohorns, the shell of which broke as soon as it was out of the muzzell of the mortar, but [thank] God they are all in a fair way of recovery.

* This is a letter from Fort St. David and the signatories ought to be Robert Raworth, Richard Farmer, John Berlu, Richard Harrison, Phillip Baker, Matthew Weld and Henry Cottrell. The names printed at the end of this letter form the Governor and Council at Fort St. George. This is evidently a mistake of the copyist.

Since this action we have very near finished our [point] and in the face of them (for they dare not come down from the Hills to oppose Us) cut down and burnt every shrub and tree within half a mile of that post, so that its [not] possible for a single man to appear w^th^. out being discernd [by us] and if a body of them come we can Slaughter them at discretion from our Canon, and not expose one of our men to their shotts, so that we doubt, now they have made their last effort against Us without Success, and we have since strengthened our bounds with a new redoubt, but that twill be an Easy matter for your Hon^r^. &ca. to bring them to hearken to proposalls of peace.

The 26^th^. ult^o^. about twelve at noon the four Dutch Cruizers Anchored a little without our Road, with a design as we thought to spend some days here; but not a soul of them came ashoar; and when the Sea Breeze was well sett in, they stood on their Course, being bound as we are informed to Negapatam, from whence some say they will be returned again in a very small time, to wait for what French ships may come upon the Coast this Season.

Yesterday morning Charles Charlos, Henry Story, and George Willikins deserted from Cap^t^. John Roach's party at Chemunglum, who we since hear are arrived safe at the Enemys Camp, upon the strictest enquiry the Dep^ty^. Govern^r^. can make they rec'd no manner of provocation not having had a blow privately or publickly from any officer comissioned or otherwise belonging to that party; particularly Carlos thô he deserved it, having gone away in the same manner to Porto Novo [a] little while ago, which on the intercession of the Dutch Cheif he was pardon'd for, & has not so much as been told of it since, thô its not to be doubted but that this Bout he carryed away the other two.

There has not since our last happend any thing more of Consequence, so we have nothing farther to add, than wishing your Hon^r^. &ca. health and prosperity in your Undertakings & to assure You we are

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &CA.

[FORT S^T^. DAVID] Your Obedient humble Serv^ts^.

[MARCH, $17\frac{1}{1}\frac{1}{2}$]

THOMAS FREDERICK.
HENRY DAVENPORT.
WILLIAM MARTIN.
EDW^D^. BULKLEY.
WILLIAM JENNINGS.
BERNARD BENYON.

No. 43.

TO THE HON^BLE^. EDWARD HARRISON Fsq^r^.
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R^. OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE &CA. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &CA.

Our last to You was Novem^r^. the 24^th^. when we wrote [you] fully, copy of which comes herewith; and advised of [the] arrivall of Ship Darby with Us, since which we have dispatchd for England Ships S^t^. George and Sherbo[rne . . .] Invoices amounting to nigh thirteen hundred [thousand] Rup^s^. but the former returning from Coxes two hundred & six bales has enabled Us to be very forward with the Aurengzeb who we shall dispatch with a Rich Cargo in a very few Days to our Hon^ble^. Masters.

Anthony Weltden Esq^r^. our late President to[ok] passage with his wife and Children on ship Sherbo[rne] being the first Ship bound directly home according [to the] Hon^ble^. Masters Orders, and Cap^t^. Francis Seaton[. . .] on Ship S^t^. George.

We are in some hopes of dispatch[ing] the Darby directly home some time in Febʳʸ. j[. . .] it more for our Honᵇˡᵉ. Masters Interest to fill [her with] Gruff Trade & Salt Petre, than to let her Rema[in on]Demorage; our Broker is orderd to make strict [. . .] for what bales are procureable, and give Us an Accoᵗ.[. .] Days till when we cannot come to a resolution, [. . .] if we are not able to send her home, shall take the method we can to employ her as may discharge [. . .] part possible of her demorage.

Wee are in great want of redwood so desire [you to] supply Us wᵗʰ. a large quantity by next Opportunity. This Ship President being now fully laden according to the list, you sent for her Cargo, this serves cheifly to en[close the] Invoice and Bill of Lading for the same as also Duplicate of what sent to Vizagapatam; our present hurry of Business, not permitting Us to write You more at large so Conclude.

Fort William
[Febʳʸ.] yᴱ. 18ᵀᴴ. 171[1][2].

[Received] March 6 Dº.

Honᴿᴸᴱ. Sᴿ. &ca.

Your real friends & humble Servants

John Russell.
Abra: Addams.
William Loyd.
Samuell Feake.
J. Williamson.
John Deane.

Nº. 44

To the Honᴮᴸᴱ. Edward Harrison Esqᴿ.
Presidᵀ. & Governᴿ. of Fort Sᵀ. George &ca. Councill.

Honᴮᴸᴱ. Sᴿ.

Our last to you was on the 1ˢᵗ. instant since which we have not been favour'd with any from Your Honʳ. &ca; but hope long before this its safe arrived.

Since which thank God we have been pretty Easy, the Enemy not having given Us, any molestation thô they remaind in the woods, till sunday last, when wee saw a Great many ffoot, to the number of Eight hundred marching down the Hills, into Trevendeporam and six horses with 'em, one of which was so lame that he could hardly go, which we suppose to have been wounded in the late action.

Mobut Cawn has Ever since the 22ᵈ. Ultimo been encamp'd a little to the westward of Trevendeporum, from whence its said he vowd never to return till he had gott possession of Trepopalore, but now its reported the Buxe has commanded him to the Camp, which he refuses to obey, not because he values his Vow, but because he has not perform'd those wonderfull feats he promisd he would, and is under apprehensions he shall be dispis'd for it, tho the Buxee if reports are to be credited, Wants only to putt him in Charge of the Army, whilst he goes to Chingy where Serrop Sing has call'd him wee hope to give him some powers about accommodating differences.

We hear Carlos and the other two deserters reported in the Camp, we were weak and fearfull, and offerd to conduct his forces into the bounds where they could not doubt of Success, but he was so farr from reguarding 'em, that its said he immediately order'd their heads to be struck off, but on the intercession of some people about him, recalld that Rigorous sentence and sent them away prisoners to Chingee where wee don't they will receive such hard treatment that in a little time they will wish the first order had been executed upon them.

The Attorneys of Capᵗ. Courtney upon sail [*sic*] of his necessarys here, found his Commission in a draw of his Buro, which we now enclose to your Honʳ. &ca. conformable to your Order to Us.

Tomorrow our Merch^{ts}. promise Us to sett out, without fail for Fort S^{t}. George and have provided a boat ready to transport them; by them we shall do ourselves the honour to write you again; and if anything extraordinary Occurs advise You of it being

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
MARCH Y^{E}. 5TH. $17\frac{1}{12}$

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &CA.

REC'D Y^{E}. 9TH. D^{o}.

Your Obedient humble Serv^{t}.

ROBERT RAWORTH.
RICHARD FARMER.
JOHN BERLU.
RICHARD HARRISON.
PHILLIP BAKER.
MATTHEW WELD.
HENRY COTTRELL.

N^{o}. 45

TO THE HON^{BLE}. EDWARD HARRISON ESQ^{R}.
PRED^{T}. AND GOVERN^{R}. OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE &CA. COUNCILL.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &CA.

This morning I received a Letter from M^{r}. Hebbert with translates of three others, sent him from Serrop Sing, Laula Beerza and the Buxee by which I perceive he has a power from them to negotiate & conclude the difference between Us, and propos'd to Me a suspention of arms whilst he is treating, which I have ventured to Consent to upon these terms.

That the roads be open for our Peons to carry Letters to the Northward and Southward without molestation.

That he gives no disturbance, no impediment to the Country People who are inclinable to bring Us in provisions.

And being well assured the baseness of their principles would induce them, thô in treaty if they could find an opportunity, to fall upon Us, and Revenge the death, of the many we have slain of their side; I have particularly insisted that none of their people, Horse or foot shall come within two mile of our bounds; and that if they do we may have free liberty to use such methods as shall be thought convenient to drive them further off.

These are the terms I design to adhere to, unless orderd to the Contrary by You, and as M^{r}. Hebbert I perceive designs often to write, on the Subject he has taken in hand, I desire you'll be pleas'd to lett Me know what part I shall act in it.

The Copy of the Letter to Me & my answ^{r}. I enclose to your Hon^{r}. &ca. for your perusall, and would send those likewise from Serrop Sing &ca. but y^{t}. M^{r}. Hebbert mentions in his to have remitted you them by Express. I will dayly advise You what progress & p[a]ces M^{r}. Hebbert makes as it comes to My Knowledge and am

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
MARCH Y^{E}. 6TH. $17\frac{1}{12}$.
REC'D THE 9TH. D^{o}.

HON^{BLE}. [S^{R}. & CA.]
Your Obed^{t}. hum^{ble}. Serv^{t}.
ROBERT RAWORTH.

No. 46.

To y^e. Hon^ble. Edward Harrison Esq^r.
President & Govern^r. of Fort S^t. George &ca. Councill.

Hon^ble. S^rs. &ca.

Our last to You was on the 5^th. instant since which on the 6^th. inst^t. we rec'd yours of the first, and on the 9^th. two of y^e. 29^th. Ultimo from M^r. Secretary Smart, and two more of the 5^th. and 6^th. from M^r. Sec^ry. Mason, all which were signd by your Order, and last night came to our hands your Hon^r. &cas. of the 7^th. to all which we shall now reply.

We are very sorry the Letters we send You are so long in their passage, which we suppose to be occasioned by the timorousness of the Peon, who has undertaken to transport them from hence to Ponticherry and so for the future wee shall be at the Expence of a Cattamaran to Convey them thither, being very sensible that Quick advices is the Life of business.

Ours of the first will satisfie Your Hon^r. &ca. how little inclinable, we are to expose our men to the fire of the Enemy, unless there is a very great prospect of advantage, and now our new work is compleatly finish'd we hope we shall have no manner of Occasion to hazard them at all, which M^r. Raworth assures you shall not be done, Unless there's an Absolute Necessity.

We are sorry the Maddapollam Yatch was so very ill fitted; and shall be sure to reprehend the person severely who had the charge of fitting her, when Your Hon^r. &ca. say she had a large list of stores; Wee suppose you don't mean in October last, for she has not, since she was drove ashore in Aprill 1710 had more on board than what she has now, by the best acco^t. we can procure; and if she ever had more and they were lost we are willing to believe it was then, for surely the persons who had charge of her would never be so unjust to the Company & their own reputation, as to permitt her to be plunder'd without at Least taking Notice of it themselves, if not advising their Superiours of it, and such Errours may not be committed for the future, we will be sure to observe the Orders You give Us, relating to the stores of Vessells that are to be layd up here, during the time of the monsoon or return'd to You; and now we enclose a list of what are on board her designing God willing to dispatch her to Night, in hopes before the Southerly winds are compleatly set in, she may be able to make another trip, with what grain You can spare Us, and we have recd. from her, as well as our two boats and the Danes Parr all the rice &ca. You laded on them for this place, as ℔ Invoice.

Severall Boats on Particularr acco^ts. are likewise imported with Grain from Madrass, and We return You our thanks for permitting so large quantitys to be shipd off for the Benefitt of Us.

Wee shall observe your Orders and trouble you no more about the affair which you have so much Resented, nor should we ever have said half so much were we not ambitious of obtaining your favour, and very much concern'd when You gave Us to Understand, We had done or said Anything, that might give You the least Cause to frown upon Us, but before we leave that subject intirely, Wee must in Justice to Serrapa acquaint You, that he is not interested a Pag^o. in the Broad cloth, and as it does not concern him, so he does not design to make any complaint against Narran, thô he thinks convenient to meddle with him first, its not to be doubted but he'll make his party good, against him, let him commence when he will, and as we believe neither of them to be men of the clearest principles; so its not to be doubted when they come to open Rupture, but some honest man or other will come by his Right.

The last news We had of the Duan was that he [was] advanced to the Southward, as far as a Town called Woolgondiporum, where the Tanjore people sent [him] His Contributions, so that now he is on his Return ag^n. for Arcott, and some say he wont spend many days there before he goes for S^t. Thoma.

The officers and Soildiers have been made very sensible how well your Hon^{r}. &ca. resent their Deportment in the last Actions we have had with y^{e}. Moors, which undoubtedly will put fresh Vigour into them and indeed we must ever do'em the justice to say, they went through five days of the greatest fateague imaginable with all the pleasure in the World, nor did one of them so much as Complain.

What could induce Carlos and the other two Wretches who accompanyed him to desert in the manner they did, we can't imagine; and are pretty well convinc'd they had no manner of Cause, which makes the Aversion of ourselves and the military, the greater to them; but for fear your Compassion may be moved upon sight of them, we shan't so much Endeavour to take them as destroy them, and if they ever appear in Action, will give no better Quarters to them than Wee do the Rest of our Enemys: the Report you heard of six more being deserted, and cut off at Porto Novo is Groundless; for not a man more has forsook our Service, nor does any one shew an Inclination to leave Us.

We thank you for approving of our flinging up another mud point, which is really very serviceable to Us; and M^{r}. Raworth has made Cap^{t}. Howsen very sensible of the fault he committed, in exposing himself and party to so much unnecessary Danger, which no doubt will prevent his being guilty of the like peice of folly again.

The 6th. 7th. & 8th. ins^{t}. the Moors in great Bodys both Horse & ffoot entered our bounds; notwithstanding the Buxee wrote M^{r}. Hebbert he had consented to a cessation of Arms, but we soon compell'd them to retire, how these ill successes will incline them to a peace, we won't pretend to judge, but think in all probability, the[y] cant possible hold out Much longer, and that they must be necessitated to make the first proposalls of peace to You and afterwards accept Your own terms, and we will not fail of meeting them half way whenever we find them in that temper, being very sensible how incongruous it is with the Comp^{as}. and our own interest, to continue in a State of Warr, but M^{r}. Hebbert as we hear, having undertaken the mediation of this matter, we suppose he'l have the sole management of it himself, and when we understand he has got full powers from your Hon^{r}. &ca. he shall have all the assistance we can give him to put an end to our differences; thô we shall never be so secure in any of our Guards, as to put it in the power of these perfidious Wretches to Surprize Us.

We are sorry we should be obligd to request a favour of your Hon^{r}. &ca. at a time we are sensible the Vast Expence the Company is at for the maintenance of this Garrison may induce You to think it unreasonable, but as the Healths of ourselves and military depend upon it we hope it will induce you more readily to grant it.

You were inform'd on M^{r}. Raworths arrivall here, that there was no place at all to lodge the sick, and wounded men in, for which reason we were forc'd to appropriate an appartment, which formerly one of our Councill lodg'd in, to that Use; but its so very small that thô the Cotts are sett together as close as possible, Yet there's never room Enough for all the sick to lodge in; so that a man who only receives a flesh wound, and is of perfect health of Body, by lying so close to those, who have Fevers & [other] distempers is very often infected; besides it makes so [nau]seous a Smell in the Fort, particularly about the [. . .] Guard that it is allmost insufferable so that should the malignant Disease, if it was once Commenced, creap [. . .] Amongst them, wee leave you to Judge what a Condition we shall be in.

These are the reasons which induce Us to request your permission to build a convenient Hospitall without the Fort; which if you will be pleasd to grant Us, we assure You it shall be built with the utmost frugality.

Sunca Rama has imported here and Exported to ffort S^{t}. George as Pole Chitte tells Us on the Company's Acco^{t}. two hundred Eighty nine Corge, & five peices of cloth, as ℔ our Sea Customers Acco^{t}. enclos'd which we Acquaint you of that if its not on the Acco^{t}. Hee told Us, or carryed elsewhere, We may adjust matter with him here.

We have nothing more to add, than to wish you health and prosperity, and to assure You we are

Fort St. David
March ye. 11th. $17\frac{11}{12}$.
Received ye. 14th. Do.

Honble. Sr. &ca.
Your Obedt. humble. Servts.

Robert Raworth.
Richard Farmer.
John Berlu.
Richard Harrison.
Phillip Baker.
Matthew Weld.
Henry Cottrell.

No. 47

To the Honble. Edward Harrison Esqr.
President & Governr. of Fort St. George &ca. Council.

Honble. Sr. &ca.

The Maddapollam Yatch being unloaden Wee agreed to dispatch her today without Delay, in Expectation she may make another Trip, before the North Et. monsoon is blown Over, with a Cargo of rice, being indisputably the most Acceptable thing You can send; all your Generalls to Yours of the 7th. are answer'd, & dispatchd to our tappys, which I don't doubt considering how dull a Vessell she is, will be with You as soon, if not sooner than this: I am with the profoundest Respect

Fort St. David
March ye. 11th. $17\frac{11}{12}$.
Receiv'd ye. 14th. Do.

Honble. Sr. &ca.
Your Obedt. Humble. Servant
Robert Raworth.

No. 48

To the Honble. Edwd. Harrison Esqr.
Presidt. & Govr. for Affairs of the Rt.
Honble. United English East India
Company &ca. Council in Fort St. Geo:

Honble. Srs. &ca.

We have received Yor. severall dates of ye. 14th. 16th. and 23rd. Ulto. the first came to hand the 27th. by Tappy Peons the 2nd. on the 26 ☿ Country boat with Lead and Shott according to Invoyce and that of the 23rd. by monchu we recd the 28th. with the Treasure Gunpowder, Stores, &ca.

Mr. Cranwell returns apeice of Betteelaes in room of that darnd and beggs You'll pardon the oversight with a promise to be more carefull for the future & Mr. ffaucet thinks it a great misfortune that the Ingeram cloth shou'd be received with so much damage which must make it look worse then mustr. and he solemnly declares that upon sorting it appeard better in his Judgment which we had reason to beleive from the Merchts. complaint and request that something more might be paid them then what Mr. Fawcet allow'd upon Invoyce, his reasons at large relateing to that affair comes inclosed with hopes that after the cloth is wash'd upon a Review You'll pass a favourable construction on his management.

Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. not having forbid the contract of 30000 Pag^{o}. made with the Dasheroon Merch^{ts}. [we] presume it stands Good and our best dependance for Long Cloth and Sallampores must be from the Ingeram Country which produces vast quantitys of that cloth and nothing could be a greater Grievance to the Dutch then our Sharing with them the trade the benefitt whereof they have enjoyn'd [*sic*] to themselves for many Years and in hopes to discourage our proceedings have advanced large summs to the Merch^{ts}. and Weavers which has rais'd the prizes considerably and makes the merch^{ts}. with whom we have contract'd indifferent as to their ℔formance but we think the matt^{r}. of too great importance for the Companys Interest to relinquish and shall oblige them as farr as we are able to a Just complyance and when their head man comes & all things agreed on there will be an absolute necessity for sending M^{r}. Fawcet thither as well to countenance y^{e}. business as to let us know what we may trust too both in point of time and Quantity of Goods.

Cunchem Lingana is in the Rajah Ananterawzes country giving incouragement to the weavers to return to their Dwellings which the Warrs wth. that Rajah and the Nabob had obliged them to forsake, we expect him back in a few days with a muster of Neck[c]loths and then we shall know what he will undertake to provide for this Years Investment and You may depend upon our strict observance of your orders about the Quantity of strip'd Betteelaes tho they pretend they gain nothing by Long cloth and Sallampores.

The Dasheroon Merch^{ts}. are willing to take Pag^{o}. 75 for the fine Long cloth of which we formerly sent a muster with abatem^{t}. of Pa. 5 on N^{o}. 2 & 5 more on N^{o}. 3 to bring in 1000 p^{s}. by 7mber and 1000 more by Xmass and the same Quantity of fine Sallampores @ Pa. 27½ ℔ Cov. with a pag^{o}. Abatement on each lower number.

They likewise offer 3000 p^{s}. of Izzarees at pag^{s}. of 32 and 4000 p^{s}. Gingham sheets at pag^{s}. 25 ℔ Corge to be bro^{t}. in as the long cloth and Sallampores musters of which wth. sail cloth and M^{r}. Cranwells peice of Betteelaes we send by the monchu designd to sail this night.

As for Brampore Chints they demand 15 pag^{s}. ℔ Corge w^{ch}. we us'd to buy for 9 and for all other chey goods 60 or 70 ℔ cent more then the prizes on the Metchlapatam musters which we must own are of an extraordinary fineness and chey but then the difference in price is so great that we cannot think of making an agreement but M^{r}. Faucet will get new musters of what procurable at Ingerom to be sent with their prices.

M^{r}. Richard Hordens bill on M^{r}. Hastings for 400 Pag^{s}. is accepted and paid.

M^{r}. Hastings returns most humble thanks for the Payma^{rs}. imploy and will by carefull management study to make that account answer the trust you are pleasd to repose in him. M^{r}. Faucet as third in Councill takes the warehousekeepers place to be his Right and desires You'll ffavour him with an order to confirm it.

We shall take care that no mistakes be made in the Bale noats and M^{r}. Harriss beggs pardon for not sooner clearing the Warehouse and outcry bills which M^{r}. Cranwell now desires M^{r}. Warre to pay.

When the Dasheeroon head man comes we shall insist on having the Bales sent hither to be sorted so far as may not give them a fair pretence to break of the contract of 30000 Pag^{s}. for we must expect from those parts the greatest number of Bales where the Government is settled and not under Nabobs Oppression and Tyranny like this which occasions such frequent revolutions that most part of our goods comes in by accident and not upon any certainty, likewise its requisite M^{r}. Faucet goes to put things in a right method and obtain a Cowle from the Rajah for securing our trade when [he] may return hither as soon as possible.

Timrauzy that country Rajah gives us all the incouragement we can expect and being himself a great grain [. . .] y^{r}. port we have the less reasons to be apprehensive of [our invest]ment tho we resolve never to have more then 500 or [. . .] there at a time and the goods to be coming by all Boats passing by so long as the Southern Monsoon lasts no more then 5 or 10 Bales in a Boat which will

make the Risque inconsiderable. The contract for 30000 Pag^{s}. being 3rd. Bettelaes we desire further orders for our Government these Merchants expecting at least that Quantity in their Investment.

The Nabob is in the Ganjam Country where we wish he may be detaind some months or be orderd to Cotack (as some report) for he sticks at no manner of injustice nor Villany to raise money and having obliged the Rajahs and their Renters to pay 50 to 80 ℔ C^{t}. more then customary designs allso to trouble us with the same demand which will be a preceedent of such ill consequence that we resolve to stand it out and desire You'll supply us with stores &c^{a}. as ℔ List; as for the 4000 Rup^{s}. demand of Last Years money we let him have 1500 in powd^{r}. and Lead and about 600 Rup^{s}. in money, on the powd^{r}. we gain 50 and on the Lead 60 ℔ Cent which terms we consented to y^{t}. our business might go on currantly hoping withall that if Fuckerlee Cawn succeeds to recover the money or some priviledges equivalent to so great a Charge and our greatest comfort is that thô the Nabobs designs are base all the Rajahs and most of his great men are our ffriends and his orders issued out to stop our trade have not yet been regarded. Serge^{t}. Stinson returns on the Monchu and the peons overland, we most respectfully subscribe.

VIZAGAP^{M}.
MARCH 6, $17\frac{11}{12}$.

HON^{BLE}. S^{RS}. &C^{A}.
Yo^{r}. most Obed^{t}. humble. Serv^{ts}.
FRANCIS HASTINGS.
ROBERT CRANWELL.
THO^{S}. FFAUCETT.

No. 49

M^{R}. FFAUCETTS ANSWER RELATING TO THE INGEROM INVESTMENT.

When M^{r}. Faucett arrived at Ingeram the Dasheroon Merchants had no cloth ready, what they brought in after was bought up there and adjacent places none of y^{e}. Brown cloth had the Dutch turnd out chop upon it or any mark or sign that it had been in their possession. As to the sorting and Price M^{r}. ffaucet can say and that wth. great confidence that none was ever more faithfull none could endeavour and Labour harder to do their masters justice and when 'tis considered how much time was lost in carrying the cloth out of our compound and bringing it again the strugling disputes and pressing arguments used about the price has reason to be confi[r]m'd in the beleif that it was impossible to have the goods any cheaper but what occasion is there to mention this when the Merch^{ts}. at first complaind to the cheif that they had not their just price against the sorting and large abatement and since the 28th. Ult^{o}. in Consultation they agreed that they ought to have some money still on Acco^{t}. the Ingeram Investment paid them.

Since the Cloth has unhappily laid wett severall days it must of consequence appear at a disadvantage when compard with the musters as discolourd by the dampishness, Milldew, or the like wherefore for the s^{d}. reason 'tis humbly requested that it may be again viewed hoping from the substance and strength of this Ingeram cloth that it will remain undamaged after it is washd and in some measure come up if not equall the musters.

The 4 bales of white Sallampores was in the Dutch possession and returnd our merchants when they had the difference with theirs, this cloth carryed no appearance of being turnd out by the chop lenght [*sic*] and breadth and was judgd (with submission to better judgments) well worth the money.

No other Vessell or boat offerd then that the bales went on from Gutten due.

The reason why the Bales were so exposed to the rain proceeded from the regardless temper of the owner & Lascars who not living under the Companys Protection vallued not where they put them so long as it suited with their Conveniency,

so when the rain came on some[were]in the stem others in the middle and head of the Vessell and thô the Companys Peons frequently begg'd of them to put them all together and cover them with sails and matts of which they had as many, sent them from Ingeram as they would take in Yet (as I am informd) the Bales continued in this dispers'd condition till they were taken ashoar at Madrass, hence came these bales from Ingeram so wett whilst those from Vizagapatam in Compas. (and no better secur'd then the Ingeram bales might have been at the same time if the owner had been as carefull) were preserved dry and undamag'd.

The owner of Boat Letchern answer from Gutten Due relating to a Cajan house to secure the Compa. Bales Vizt.

That it was not customary to build houses at that season when every boat took in her full Laden and hardly ever known to rain or have bad weather and that he was obliged to carry his full laden (Compa. bales excepted) for the Rajah and that there would be no room for a house, which would hinder his sailing, weighing Anchor, manageing his sails, &ca. many arguments were used to ℔swade him to it as that he might sell the wood which would be to his advantage but to no purpose hereupon Mr. ffaucet applyd himself to the Rajah who orderd 3 Garce of Rice to be taken out and sent 2 peons to se[e] it done, the owner then desird that Mr. Faucet would be contented with taking out 2 Garce which was granted but this peice of Policy was made use of only to gain time for there was not a grain taken out at last of all the C. Braminy Packer and severall more were sent on board who hotly discours'd the master about securing the Compa. Bales, with the owner and then the Lascars Rose up and forcd the Packer out of the Vessell, the Rajahs Peons not standing firmly by our people.

To Prove the truth of this relation tis requested that ye. Braminy Packer and Peons that went with the Bales Mr. ffaucetts Dubash and sett of Pallankene Boys woh. were all on this expedition may be examined.

Here is to be noated that Gutten Due (where sd. Boat Latchene lay at Anchor as all others did belonging to that River) lays to the So. Et.ward on the other side that great River which cannot be less then 5 or 6 League from Ingeram. The Place appointed to Embale our Goods and where the Rajah lives so that there could not come an answer in less then one day and sometimes a day and half as the tide served, and Mr. ffaucett had no Assistt. sorted till the 18th. Janry. as will appear by the bale noats which day the Boat Latchene fell down 2 or 3 Leagues towards the Rivers mouth and the same evening saild over the Bar so that Mr. ffaucett had only one oppertunity of se[e]ing that place the Dutch has so often desird and what has been inaccessible hitherto to the Moors called Gutten Due.

To the Worspll Fr. Hasting Esqr. Cheif &ca. Councill.

Thomas Faucett.

Vizagapatam
March 4, $17\frac{11}{12}$.

No. 50.

To the Honble. Edward Harrison Esqr.
Presidt. and Govr. of Fort St. George &ca. Councill.

Honble. Sr. &ca.

Our last to Yor. Honr. was on the 11th. whn. according to our promise we dispatchd the Madepollam Yatch to you hopeing she may be able to make another trip with Grain by the assistants of land winds and Sea Breezes before the So. Etr. sets in.

Since which we have had the misfortune to loose Mr. Henry Cottrell who on munday last was seizd wth. violent convultion fitts but next day was seemingly better and continued so till wednesday morning 2 o'Clock when he fell into a very extravagant frenzy in which miserable condition he lived till 4 a Clock yesterday morning[when] it pleased God to take him from us.

We have orderd the pay mar. to take an Inventory of all his Effects which we beleive when sold won't amount to so much as he owes here but if after we [have] cleard his debts there remains any surplus it shall[accord]ing to the Compa. Standing order, be paid into Cash for [the] Benefitt of his heirs.

We have appointed Mr. Richard Harrison to officiate in his Employ as land Customr. and Mr. Augustus Burton provisionall Storekeepr. till Yor. Honr. &ca. think convenient to send another ℔ son in Mr. Cottrell's Room, those being the 2 Employs he had the Charge of.

The Enemy since the 8th. Instant have very strictly observed the Cessation and we hope Mr. Hebert will be so fortunate as to put an end to our troubles towards which we shall contribute what lays in our power and are.

Fort Sr. David
March 14, $17\frac{11}{12}$.

Honble. Sr. &cA.

Yor. Obedt. Humble. Servts.

R. Raworth.
Ri: ffarmer.
Jno. Berlu.
Richard Harrison.
Pp: Baker.
Matthew Weld.

N[o]. 51.

To the Honble. Edwd. Harrison Esqr.

Presidt. & Govr. of Fort St. George &cA. Councill.

Honble. Sr. &cA.

The season being fair and hearing of no ffrench ships upon the Coast I have by consent of the Councill sent You on Sloop Rama 45 bales for which the masters Receipt is enclosed and tomorrow in a generall Letter the Invoyce shall be forwarded to Yo. Honr. &ca.

The Councill not being in the ffort I did'nt think convenient to detain the Vessell for their signing and will add no more then to assure You I am

Fort St. David
March 16, $17\frac{11}{12}$.

Honble. Sr.

Yor. Obedt. Humble. Servt.

Robr. Raworth.

[No. 52]

To the Honble. Edwd. Harrison Esqr.

Presidt. and Governr. for all forces and Affairs of the English on the Coast of Choromondell & Sumatra &cA. Councill of Fort St. George.

Honble. Sr. &cA.

Ours to Yor. Honr. &ca. was by the Oxford Capt. Henry Wyatt dated the 9th. Instant Copy of which accompany ys. enterd in the Book of Letters sent to which we refer you.

We now presume to dispatch the Toddinton to Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. to receive Yo^{r}. further orders and directions it being impossible to provide any Pepper in this coast for more tonnage then will fill the Thistleworth any reasonable time, troubles and Warrs that have been here and at Bantall very much retarded the bringing in Pepper and allso supplying our ffactorys with Rice and Paddy which have continued very dear and scarce for these ten months.

You will herewith receive the Toddinton Charterparty, coppys of our Consultations, Letter Books, monthly Acco^{ts}. &c^{a}. papers as ℔ List of the packett, Our writing assistance being so slender, and withall but indifferent as intimated in our Last is the Reason why our Gen^{ll}. Books are not Likewise coppyed and sent for Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &ca. Perusall.

By the Thistleworth we received a Letter in the Packett from M^{r}. Thomas Woolley Sec^{ry}. advising us of seventy Barrells and twenty Chests of Tin Laden on board said ship designed and orderd to be put on board the Mountague or Litchfeild at sea which could not be done but were brought hither and now according to that order we send by the Toddinton to Yo^{r}. port. Coppy of s^{d}. Letter for Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. Perusall is enterd in the accompanying book of Letters recd., all the Barrells of Tin except one, were staved in bringing ashoar which gave oppertunity to the Boatmen [and] Pillfering Malays that there are forty one Slabbs of Lead of the Lond^{o}. Invoice, the Bill of Lading and Invoice of what we have ship'd on board the Toddinton comes under this cover.

The misfortune of these settlements of your not having advices and we receiving no goods and stores as usuall from Yo^{r}. Port and the Bay is a great Loss to our Hon^{ble}. Masters, Goods we long wanted before the Arrivall of the Oxford and those will not hold out long. The sooner Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. pleases to supply us the more to the Companys advantage, and for want of Rice we have been obliged to pay our slaves in copper cash this Coast hardly producing sufficient for the ffactorys and that at a very dear rate. Now we doubt not of Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. Care in sending or ordering us continuall and necessary supplys of goods and stores You Judge most wanting which will rend^{r}. our charge much more reasonable and hope to your approbation. We have received from England by these ships no stores of any sort except ten ffirkins of Butter and four Cask of fflower.

M^{r}. Thomas Kingsley and M^{r}. Sam^{ll}. Stotherd take there passage on this Ship who were suspended the Councill the 11th. of Feb^{ry}. last and their diet money has not been paid them since the Ult^{o}. March by an order of Consultatiõ of the 19th. Aprill last to which we presume to refer Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. the former of these two Gentlemen being payma^{r}. in the month of Octo^{r}. 1710 recd out of the R^{t}. Hon^{ble}. Comp^{a}. Cash two thousand Dollars to defray the Charges of the Garrison, in his months Acco^{t}. he gives them Credit but for one thousand Dollars as those Acco^{ts}. make appear, he allso offerd to take his solemn Oath that he paid the thousand Dollars wanting (he had given the Comp^{a}. no credit for) to M^{r}. Sam^{ll}. Stotherd who then assisted him in making up his monthly Acco^{ts}. if Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. will please to peruse the Consultation held y^{e}. 13 August last, You will be very well satisfied of his base intention and att the time of his suspension he was orderd to deliver his charge to M^{r}. John Daniell our present Dep^{ty}. Govern^{r}., there was a deficiency in the Companys money lying in his hands towards defraying [charges Garrison Ryalls] $\frac{8}{8}$: 309. 6 for both which summs he stands indebted in our Gen^{ll}. Books. The Latter when he took charge of the Warehouse upon him in August 1710 [in-] debts himself to candy 1,151. md. 5. lb. 29 of Salt petre, after his suspension M^{r}. John Hunter (who was orderd to Act in that employ with him) who took the Acco^{t}. Remain and found a Deficiency of nett candy 205. 3. 21 at $ 22. fa. 10 ℔ md. amounts to Ryalls $\frac{8}{8}$. 4616. 16. 4 which he now stand[s] indebted for in our Gen^{ll}. Books, besides severall other debts as appears by his acco^{ts}. Currant.

Our Acco^{t}. Curr^{t}. from the p^{mo}. Sept^{r}. 1710 the time our Gen^{ll}. Books commence to the Ult^{o}. Dece^{r}. 1711 stands indebted to Yo^{r}. place $. 18471. 16. 6½ but the Carlstons Packett, being lost coming ashoar cannot till we receive yours rectify the

amo^{t}. of what received p^{r}. s^{d}. ship the goods being valued at this place as Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. & c^{a}. will ℔ceive by the accompanying Acco^{ts}. We allso send M^{r}. Anthony Ettrick Deceasd's Acco^{t}. Curr^{t}. M^{r}. William Douglass and M^{r}. Richard Skingles to d^{o}. time who are all indebted to the R^{t}. Hon^{ble}. Comp^{a}. and hope they may have Effects in Madrass with what here sufficient to answer the same. Our Last Gen^{ll}. Books ballanced by M^{r}. Henry Griffith, the ffoot of Proffitt and loss & Stock was carried to Acco^{t}. the R^{t}. Hon^{ble}. Comp^{a}. but we finding when this place was dependent on ffort S^{t}. George before they carried those acco^{ts}. thither so desire Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{as}. order herein with what else You may think convenient to the Better regulating our method.

M^{r}. Daniell Evans as mention'd in our Last takes his passage on this Ship to give Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. an Acco^{t}. of the Surrendy [*sic*] of Mauduta paggar to Rajah Stilleman for w^{ch}. [he] was suspended the service by order of Consultation held at Bantall on the 22nd. of Sep^{t}. Last.

Our Accomptant M^{r}. Henry Griffith being deceasd and M^{r}. Henry White his assistant having no charge of the General Books and being desirous of Continuing the same we take leave to recommend his capacity to Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}.

Accompanying comes coppys of Bantall Consultations and accounts commencing as ℔ List of the Packett, the reason they are not brought up to the [month] Dece^{r}. was the Dep^{ty}. Govern^{rs}. indisposition when there, and since his leaving that place we have had no Acco^{ts}. att all.

All Letters directed to M^{r}. Anthony Ettrick ℔ Last Ships from Yo^{r}. place we now return in this packett and likewise Letters belonging to M^{r}. Skingle. Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. will perceive by their Acco^{ts}. Curr^{t}. with the Comp^{a}. what has been paid into the R^{t}. Hon^{ble}. Comp^{a}. Cash of their debts, we shall use all Diligence to gett in what is due to them in this place. We have nothing to add but our Wishes for Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c. Happyness and Prosperity in our Hon^{n}. Masters Affairs. We are

YORK FORT
JANUARY 24, 17$\frac{1}{1}\frac{1}{2}$.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.
Yo^{r}. most Obed^{t}. Hum^{ble}. Serv^{ts}.
JOHN DANIELL.
JOHN HUNTER.

P. S.
Under this Cover you will receive the Secrett Committe[e]s order to Cap^{t}. Blow.

I D E M

JOHN DANIELL

N[o]. 53.

TO THE HON^{BLE}. EDWARD HARRISON ESQ^{R}.

PRESIDENT AND GOVERN^{R}. FOR ALL THE FORCES OF THE ENGLISH NATION ON THE COAST OF CHOROMONDELL AND SUMATRA &C^{A}. COUNCILL OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.

The Passage of Mess^{rs}. Thomas Kingsley, Samuell Stotherd and Daniell Evans not being paid here to Cap^{t}. Blow was forgot to be mentiond in the Gen^{ll}. Letter which we now acquaint Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. With & Remain

YORK FORT
JAN^{n}. 26, 17$\frac{1}{1}\frac{1}{2}$.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}.
Yo^{r}. most Obed^{t}. Hum^{ble}. Serv^{ts}.
JOHN DANIELL.
JOHN HUNTER.

N[o]. 54.

To the Honble. Edwd. Harrison Esqr.

Presidt. & Governr. of Fort St. George &ca. Councill.

Honble. Sr. &ca.

On the 15th. Instant we were Honrd. with one from You of the 11th. by which we ꝑceive how tedious a passage our Letters generally meet with to You which to be sure is occasiond by the fearfullness of the peons who often meet with partys of the Enemy betweea this and Ponticherry which obliges them to abscond sometime for a Day together.

It's not to be doubted but Yor. Honr. &ca. have had before this from Mr. Hebert that the Duxy [*sic*] is fully impowered from Syrop Sing in consort with him to put an end to this troublesome Warr which we heartily wish they may succes[s]full in, and shall contribute to it what lays in our powers.

We can't be possitive the Enemy have [sent] our Deserters to Chingee not having any information we can depend upon but every body who pretends to [have] knowledge of the transactions of the Camp assures [us] they are, so that the Attempt the Enemy made upon our hedge, was a project of their own not our Deserters Contrivance.

Mr. Raworth tells us he Yesterday advisd you that most of the Enemys horse appeard to the No. wd. of our bounds but dispersd without giving us any trouble after which they forced themselves into a body again and posted themselves in our hedge from whence they [sent some] of their Bundalleers into our bounds who attempted [to seize] some of our Grass Cutters which not being able to Effect [they] carried away a Bullock belonging to them all which we bore without any manner of resentment only [discharging] one shott att them that it maynt be in the [power] of the Buxy to say We are perfidious, or give any [undue] umbrage to the Mediator to desist from proceeding in the work he has undertaken but Mr. Raworth has complained to him of their irregular proceedings and desired him to acquaint the Buxy that if his troops continue to practice such insolences We shant be able any longer to endure them, coppy of which is enclosed.

The Late No.therly winds prevented our Merchts. setting forward to Madrass as they promised but tomorrow God willing they'll proceed and we hartily wish them a safe arrivall with You that they may hasten the disposall of the Broad cloth before our Europe Ships arrive.

Mr. Richard Benyon shall come to You the first time we can get a Comodious conveyance for him.

Late Last night after we had Laden the Honble. Compa. Bales on board Sloop Rammah we recd. Your Honr. &ca. of the 12 Instant which is ꝑticularly satisfactory to us because our opinions have Quadrated with Yours thô for the Reasons we ventured the Bales, we Did not alter their marks beleiving the Coast compleatly clear of an Enemy but for the future shall observe Yor. orders and put Jentue Marks upon them sending at the same time, Invoice, & bill of Lading in the same Language.

We have nothing further to add then to assure Yor. Honr. &ca. We are

Honbls. Sr. &ca.

Yor. Obedt. humn. Servts.

Robert Raworth.
Richard ffarmer.
Jno. Berlu.
Richard Harrison.
[*Lacuna.*]
Matthew Weld.

Fort St. David
March 17, $17\frac{11}{12}$.

No. 55.

To the Honble. Edwd. Harrison Esqr.
President and Governour of ffort St. George &ca. Council.

Honble. Sr. &ca.

I recd. the Honr. of Yors. of the 11th. Instant which gives me a very ꝑticular satisfaction You therein approving of the terms I demanded of Mr. Hebert the Enemy should consent to before I agreed to a Cessation of arms, which by Experience I now find to be of very great use, for notwithstanding they are warn'd to keep at that distance Yet they have severall times since had the impudence to come wth. in our bound[s] and yesterday evening attempted to seize some of our grass cutters which obliged us to discharge a Harquebus amongst them ; so that tis very discernable they want to se[e] the confidence we put in their principles and if they find us so secure as ꝑhaps they may beleive would undoubtedly aim at a generall surprize but if possible I keep a stricter Guard then before by which means I hope to secure our lives and Your bounds from their bloody and villanous designs.

As I am very well informd that Yor. Honr. &ca. sincerely wishes prosperity to the Compas. affairs in Generall so its not to be disputed but Yor. inclinations are to procure an honerable peace which as Mr. Hebert has undertaken the mediation if he is harty in the cause, its undisputable but he can procure it upon Honble. termes for let them say what they will they are in so great want of Men, Money, and Provisions that its hardly possible for them to keep the feild much longer & I hope that Gentlemn. will lay aside all thoughts of private Interest and Act in ys. ꝑticular for the Honr. of Europe in which he is as much concernd as we, but supposing his inclinations are as good as I wish it will be undoubtedly necessary that a[member] of Yor. board during the time of treaty resides at Pondecherry to put the mediator in mind of the Interest of England, for fear when no body [is present to oppose our] Enemys in vindication of it he may condescend to mu[ch] to their unreasonable desires.

I shall allways be ever farr from thinking that when I am defending the Post You have Hond. me & am Executing Yor. commands that I undergoe any fatigue for 'tis with a great deal of pleasure I ꝑform the last nor do I with any ambitious design ask Yor. Honr. &ca. what part shall act in the present treaty but only because being resident here and having been formerly concernd in an affair of that nature I thought I might be able to give assistance to those concern'd about it, which I won't fail doing as it lyes in my Power.

Yor. Officers & Soldiers are all in very good health & heart and in Genll. Deserves yor. incouragement, more ꝑticularly Capt. Roach whose fidelity, diligence and Courage I cant say to much which I hope will entitle him to Yor. Honr. &ca. favor.

Att twelve a Clock this noon the whole body of horse appeard without our bounds about a mile to the No. ward and then scatterd as if they were ahunting without any nearer approach.

I wish most sincerely an end to this Warr and health and prosperity to Yor. Honr. &ca. being

Fort St. David
March 16, $17\frac{11}{12}$.

Honble. Sr. &ca.
Yor. most Obedt. humble. Servts.
Robert Raworth.

No. 56.

To the Honble. Edward Harrison Esqr.

President. & Govr. of ffort St. George &ca. Councill.

Honble. Sr. &ca.

Our last to You was on the 17th. instant since which we have recd none from You.

The 18 a party of the Enemys horse & foot entred our hedge about ½ a mile to the Wt. ward of Cuddalore & attempted to burn some few houses that were within in [. . .], upon discharge of four of our Gunns they retired and fired a town of the Duans which was contigious to it & then disappeard.

Att the same time there were some horses & foot before Trepopolore and our new Point who fired severall shotts att the Guards but being at too great a Distance to do Execution we sufferd it without any manner of Resentment.

Yesterday morning the whole body of their horse stragled about our bounds within a mile of them the most part of the day as if they were ahunting till 4 in the afternoon & then 50 or 60 of them assembled at Witchmeere and enterd ye. hedge sword in hand with about fifty Bandalees who fired at the Guard but on discharge of one of our Great Gunns they went out again.

This we don't doubt will make Yor. Honr. very sencible what regard they have to the Cessation, which obliges us to keep a very strick [*sic*] Guard for fear of a surprize but not withstanding all our care and incouragement to the souldiers to continue faithfull to yor. service there were no less then seven deserted last night from severall Guards but all Dutchmen excepting Thomas Cook whose worth is very well known in ffort St. George, we have taken all due care by writing to Porto Novo & Pondicherry to have them secured if they goe to either of those places but fear they are rendevous'd in the Moors Camp where we hope they will meet with no better treatment then their predecessors, a List of their names is enclosed.

The Bearers hereof are Tope Chittee, Vincatteputtee, & Minapah Chittee, three of our most substantiall Merchants who the Joynt stock have pitchd upon as proper persons to dispose of the Broad cloth on their Accot. in which we wish them success.

We have laden on the same boat they take their passage 15 Bales of Long cloth and Sallampores being what remains ready embaled of that specie in our Godowns.

Wee likewise send You by this conveyance 1000 Quills being the best we could procure from Pondecherry.

The 18 instant past by this Road a pretty large Ship but show'd no collours which Yesterday we were inform'd from Porto Novo was the Toddinton Capt. Thos. Blow, we know no more of them then that the last port they came from was the West Coast and don't doubt before this he is with You to give You a further account of himself.

We have nothing further to add then to assure You we are

ffort St. David
March 20, $17\frac{11}{12}$.

Honble. Sr. &ca.

Yor. Obedt. Humble. Servt[s].

Robert Raworth.
Richard Farmer.
Jno. Berlu.
Richard Harrison.
Pp: Baker.
Matthew Weld.

N[o]. 57.

To the Honble. Edwd. Harrison Esqr.

Presidt. & Govr. of ffort St. George &ca. Councill.

Honble. Sr.

You were advised in a Genll. Letter from me & Councill of the 20th. Inst. that 5 Germans and an Englishman had deserted Yor. service and that we had taken the properest methods possible to have them restord to it again by advising their desertion to the ffrench at Pouticherry, ye. Du[tch] at Porto Novo as likewise the phousdah [*sic*] of that place requesting that if they came within their territorys they woud secure them and send them under a good guard hither again which Mr. Hebbert according to our Cartile promised to do if they resign'd themselves to him.

2. But Contrary to my Expectation am just now advised that yesterday they all in a body entred Porto Novo & yt. 3 of ym. immediately surrender'd themselves to the Dutch [that the other four kept very close together and when the Hovaldars] forces attempted to seize them made a very obstinate resistance nor could they make them their prisoners thô they bid so very fair for it that the Cattwall was wounded in the attempt wch. Mr. Booth the Dutch Cheif ℔ceiving order'd a party of men from his ffactory to attack them to whom they immediately surrenderd but he refuses to deliver any more of them to me then Thomas Cook the Englishman the rest of them being Germans (One Excepted) who consequently spake good Dutch, for which reason he won't own them to be any other Country but his and says he can't release them from the ffactory without ℔mission from Negapatam to which place he has wrote for orders thô the Hovaldar continues to demand them as being Govr. of the town, and they were wrested from him by their Soldiers whilst he was endeavouring to make them his prisoners.

3. A Dispute of this nature having hapned of Late between the Dutch and me about wch. I advisd Yor. Honr. &ca. I shall give no answer to their Letter till I receive Yor. Directiõ nor accept one without all & I hope You'll think of some expedient to stop the Course they have comenct for, if they continue to own all that speak Dutch for their Servants I fear You'll find few of Yor. Garrisons abound with Europeans in a short Time especially this where their cheif (as they call him) is no better in my opinion then an incourager to fellow of a Rambling Dispositions and did not I fear a Genll. Recepture betwixt the Nations in India I would certainly make reprisall on him and put him in Irons till I recd. back the Deserters or a suitable satisfaction.

4. I enclose to Yor. Honr. &ca. Mr. Booths Originall Letter wch. I can't get well translated here as likewise the Coppy of my Le[tr]. of advice from a ℔son residing there on that subject which is all the insight I can give You into this business at present but hope You won't disapprove of it, if I continue to demand them of the Phousdar as the ℔son who rules (or at least ought to do so) in Porto Novo.

5. I have not for these two days past been troubled by the Enemy nor do I hear any more of them then that their foot desert daily, that they still continue in want of men, money, & provision & that the Eminent ℔sons are in Ponticherry Discoursing Mr. Hebbert about peace.

6. I hope Our Merchts. are safe arrived with You and have nothing more to add at present then that I am

Fort St. David
March 22nd. $17\frac{11}{12}$

Honble. Sr. &ca.
Yor. Obedt. Humble. Servt.
Robert Raworth.

N[o]. 58.

To the Hon^ble. Edw^d. Harrison Esq^r.

President. & Gov^r. of ffort S^t. George &c^a. Council.

Hon^ble. S^r. &c^a.

Our last to You was by our Merch^ts. who we hope are safe arrived since which we recd Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. of y^e. 16 Ins^t. by which we ꝑceived You intended to dispatch the Madepollam Yatch next day laden for [*sic*] Rice for this place but much fear she will meet a very tedious passage the winds for severall days having been directly along shoar and she being none of the best sailers, we are sorry the ꝑson who had the care of fitting her neglected to Caulk her upper works and shall take care no more such omissions are comitted by following Yo^r. orders relating to Vessells and their Stores You think convenient to Employ between Madrass and this port.

2. M^r. Hebbert has acquainted the Dep^ty. Gov^r. that the Roads are open for our tappys to pass as free from molestation as in time of peace notwithstanding (whether it be through the timorousness of our peons or no we can't tell) Yo^r. Letters dont meet so quick a passage as formerly for instance we'll look no further back then Yo^r. last which was dated the 16^th. but did not reach us till the 22^nd. Instant.

3. We have at last gott the same news of the Duans motions as Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. advises and cou'd we keep a spy in his Camp we undoubtedly should have had it sooner but 'tis our misfortune that the Black Serv^ts. here are so ambitious of a title y^t. if we send one to the Durbarr or Camp only to reside there privately and give Us secrett information of all passages he forthwith publishes himself a Vakeel, which as it has once may again bring us under Yo. Displeasure and that obliges us to Content ourselves with such news as travellers bring us.

4. We thank Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. for the advice You give us of the prospect there is of an alteration in the Governm^t. [of the] Country which we heartily wish true for laying aside the prejudice he does to his masters affairs he certainly allways has been and is still a very great Enemy to the interest of England.

5. Till we had mett with so much success over our Enemys and made 'em sensible it was not possible for 'em to bring us to their termes we could not be of opinion that they might be brought to ours which is the reason we did not acq^t. You of it & y^e. informations we daily receive are true that they have neither money, water nor provisions sufficient for the number of forces in their Camp for which reason they daily desert we can't think otherways then that they must in Conclusion moulder away and be glad to accept peace on proposalls more reasonab̃ then we at present imagine they'll insist on and as we have hitherto done so we shall continue our utmost endeavours to bring 'em to such an accomodation as will be most beneficiall to the Hon^ble. Comp^a. w^n. M^r. Hebbert the mediator requires it who is a very experienced Gentleman and if professions are to be Credited very much our friend so that we hope he'll reduce their Exorbitant demands and oblige them to Consent to a peace without Yo^r. parting with any money.

6. We have made a modell of our Hospitall and are callculating what sum̃ the building of it will amo^t. to which shall be sent You as soon as finish'd, and we hope won't be so large but that if the Warr should break out again You may be able to go through with it vigorously and consent to the carrying on so usefull a peice of work likewise which in such case will be more absolutely necessary then in time of peace for who knows but the fate of warr may change and as we have of late gone through all hazards without any considerable damages to our Forces so it's not impossible the Contrary may happen and then we leave Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. to Judge what inconveniences we shall Labour under for want of Lodgings for our sick and wounded, when it will be to late to think of building any.

7. Last night two of the Enemys Peons came within 150 Yards of our new works and desired to speak with some of ours which the Officer Gratified them in, and sent two, who inform'd us the substance of what they said was, that Moubert Cawn gave his service to the Gov^r^. and desired he wou'd ℔mitt his grass cutters to cut Prove[n]der for his horses within about 600 Yards of our hedge without any molestation and then our might have libertys about his Quarters the peons further ask'd ours, what occasion we had to put ourselves to the trouble & expence flinging up that point when in few days the warrs would cease and there wou'd be no Enemy to molest us in those parts what can be the meaning of this or whether twas sent by Moubert Cawn or nó we can't tell, but M^r^. Raworth has orderd the Officer there that if they came again as they promised they would today for an answer to acq^t^. them their request is granted and that they may with security cutt grass at that distance they propose For their Cattle.

8. The 22^d^. Instant M^r^. Raworth advis'd Yo^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. what past between the Gov^r^. at Porto Novo, and the Dutch relating to our deserters who they still protect notwithstanding the Phousdar with all his forces has remain'd before the Factory. demanding them which obliges them to keep their Gate shutt but they refuse to give him any other satisfaction then that they have wrote to Negapatam about it and won't gratifie him till they receive orders from thence, we are

FORT S^T^. DAVID
MARCH 24, 1711/12.

HON^BLE^. S^R^.
Yo^r^. Obed^t^. Hum^ble^. Serv^t[s]^.
ROB^T^. RAWORTH.
RICHARD FFARMER.
JOHN BERLU.
RICH^D^. HARRISON.
PHILLIP BAKER.
MATTHEW WELD.

No. 59

TO THE HON^BLE^. EDW^D^. HARRISON ESQ^R^.
PRESID^T^. & GOV^RS^. OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE &C^A^. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^.

Yesterday we promised Yo^r^. Hon^r^. &ca. a Draught of the Hospitall we think will be sufficient for the use of this Garrison the Charge of building which we have computed & don't doubt but it Can be brought within the Compass of One thousand pago^s^. but shall notwithstanding be as frugall as possible and retrench the Expence if it can be done so, we hope Yo^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. will ℔mitt us to Comence so necessary a peice of Work for the Hospitall in the ffort Really grows more and [more] offensive not that any of us are yet sensible of it but that we go out thô the Officer of the Guard and the Guard themselves both whose apartments are Contiguous to it makes dayly complaints to the Dep^ty^. Gov^r^. of the nauseousness of it.

2. Today the Cheif and Councill for affairs of the Dutch at Porto Novo sent us a Letter relating to the Deserters the Originall of which we enclose not being able to translate it here but can understand so much that they are willing to returne five of 'em but keep two Viz^t^. Will^m^. Lowman and Jacob Johnson as having been in their service formerly and left it as they did ours which upon Examination we find to be matter of ffact, so we will send a ℔son according to their desire to Porto Novo to demand 'em all with instructions if they refuse to deliver 'em to receive those they are inclinable to part with not because we have any occasion for them but that we may take an oppertunity to give them the Reward of their Villany and deterr

other people from being guilty of the like besides Booth &c^{a}. seem to request we would send for 'em speedily which if we did not do it's not at all improbobal [*sic*] but they may convey 'em to Negapatam and say they turnd 'em out of the ffactory upon our neglecting to send for 'em, we won't go about to answer any other part of their Lett^{r}. till we receive Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. Directions, some perticulars of it relating to ffort S^{t}. George and the others being to nice for us to touch upon without first having yo^{r}. ℔mission.

3. This afternoon pass'd by two ships one of which our Cattamaran reach'd and find she is come from Tenasheree & belonging to S^{t}. Thoma but we can't tell what the other was.

We hear M^{r}. Hebbert gave Yesterday a second audience to the three ℔sons at Ponticherry sent from the Buxee to discourse him about Peace (the result of which we don't know) & that M^{r}. Benyon is expected there this Evening, we are

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
MARCH 25, 1712.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}.
Yo^{r}. Obed^{t}. Hum^{ble}. Serv^{ts}.
ROBERT RAWORTH.
RICHARD FARMER.
JOHN BERLU.
RICHARD HARRISON.
PHILLIP BAKER.
MATTHEW WELD.

No. 60.

YORK FFORT, JAN^{Y}. 23RD. 1711 [12].

TO THE HON^{BLE}. EDWARD HARRISON ESQ^{R}.
PRESID^{T}. & GOV^{R}. OF FFORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HONORD. S^{R}.

These wait on Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. to congratulate Yo^{r}. safe arrivall at Madrass to the Governm^{t}. there and of these Settlem^{ts}. heartily wishing Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. health and long & prosperous Governm^{t}.

By the Elizabeth and Oxford Galley I wrote Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &Co. Councill in relation to the affairs of the Coast which hope are safely arrived You, have now sent Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. an abstract thereof with an enclosed acco^{t}. of the excessive sallerys, monthly Paym^{ts}. &c^{a}. which make the expence of the coast yearly to amo^{t}. to so great a summ, I do assure Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. I have used my utmost endeavours with the deceas'd M^{r}. Ettrick & the pres^{t}. Dep^{ty}. Gov^{r}. to reduce them both in Consultation and otherwise but never could gain anything till this month, when I gott a few disabled Soldiers disbanded, near half the Guard being Aged, in faults, or disabled.

M^{r}. Jeremiah Harrison & Cap^{t}. Richard Phrip sup^{r}. Vizors during their stay here seemingly settled all those disturbances they found amongst the natives, severall new plantations were begun near our settlem^{ts}. and pepper came in apace but they scarce had been gone five months e're the Mallays from Manduta to Syllabarr grew very troublesome as Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. will hereafter see and by the Letters recd. and sent since March presume You will have some reason to beleive y^{t}. y^{e}. Dutch are the fomenters of those troubles which have been so many Years so very expensive, Raja Macoota fighting und^{r}. Dutch Colours when the Comp^{a}. fforces beseig'd him in Dusan Basse in Sep^{t}. last.

Daily Advices of troubles at the N°. ward in March required some consideration what was best to be done to remedy y^m^. there were only then the Dep^ty^. Gov^r^. & myself of Councill, M^r^. Kingsly and Stotherd being some time before suspended & M^r^. Douglass Youngest of Councill gone to Battavia to buy stores in the Companys Sloop.

The 1^st^. Consultation we had M^r^. Ettrick declar'd many things. Jangram Jangalla ℔ticularly that he had allways oppos'd [the] Companys [. . .] often [. .] the pepper that [. . .] downe the River which indeed the other two Jangrans had in my hearing often complain'd off and considering how the face of Affairs then stood he a great friend to Raja Macoota and formerly in esteem among the Dutch he thought convenient to call said J[a]ngran to an Acco^t^. by a handsome confinement which I agreed to

But the action on this affair was quite contrary for no sooner was Jangalla entred the back Gate but M^r^. Ettrick orderd the Soldier to fire att him and his people which was done thô I did all I could to hinder it, Jangalla and four other were kill'd and his Brother made prisoner and still continues so in the ffort thô I endeavourd all I could his passage in the Toddinton to Madrass it being no ways conducive to the quiett of y^e^. Countrey to lett him go free, this action obliged me to consent to reduce his towne which was soon accomplish'd and his countrey divided between Jantenelli & Calippa the comp^a^. reserving his town which is strongly scituated on the banks of the Pepper River, at the expence of Doll^s^. 63 ℔ Month which was agreed to till we could hear from Yo^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. Councill, this and giving Drams, ffowls & Bufflo to y^e^. Soldiers hath increas'd the Paym^rs^. Acco^t^. thô I assure Yo^r^. Hon^r^. I knew nothing of the Latter till I return'd from Jangallas town when I us'd all means with M^r^. Ettrick to retrench them but could not obtain it, I sent the Steward to him but he was very Angry and bid him tell me to mind my own business for he knew when to retrench.

Three months after this arrived a Portuguese ship from Lisbon bound for Moco the winds being Soerly ; the Dep^ty^. Gov^r^. having continuall advices of troubles at Bantall & the last since this ships arrivall (was the loss of Manduta pagga[r]) taken by Raja Sylleman with about 40 Bakars [*sic*] of pepper in it, severall Ordinance One Buggeese Ensign twenty three Soldiers, one Serg^t^. English, all under comm^d^. of Dan^ll^. Evans Resident, without the least opposition or resistance for which he was suspended the Comp^a^. Service.

The Portuguese Cap^t^. offering his ship it was agreed y^e^. Dep^ty^. Gov^r^. should take his passage on her for Bantall, w^th^. M^r^. Griffith and M^r^. White and twenty Soldiers, at their arrivall nothing [was] to be done by fair means so march'd to Rajah Sylleman who was strongly intrench'd at Moco Moco but the weather proving very bad, with treachery, & disappointm^t^. he was obliged to raise the siege, nail up four peices Ordina[nce] left some Ammunition behind, and retir'd in great confusion with the loss of severall men, Himself and M^r^. Griffith soon after returnd hither both sick & in few days died.

The Buggasees have ever since the Sup^r^. Vizer departure been very impudent which has given no small incouragem^t^. to y^e^. natives to act as they do, for when they could no otherways avoid taking Raja Macoota at Dussan Bassa they told the Cheif and Councill they were all of his party and would not fight against him.

Upon the Death of M^r^. Ettrick I open'd the Consultation Room and took an Acco^t^. of the R^t^. Hon^ble^. Comp^a^. Cash, in presence of all the Comp^a^. Serv^ts^. here amounting to Doll^rs^. 5588 3 2 which found differ from the Ball^a^. that ought to have rem^d^. 9941 for which his Estate stands now indebted and hope it will answer having ℔ ord^r^. of Consultation put up all his Effects at publick outcry the am^o^. of which shall not want my care to see paid into the R^t^. Hon^ble^. Comp^a^. Cash.

On the 14^th^. of 9^br^. last arrived here the pres^t^. Gov^r^. who was recd with the usuall respect I deliver'd him the Ball^a^. of y^e^. Cash in my hands in presence of the Serv^ts^. who were all sworn to the truth thereof.

Messrs. Stotherd & Kingsly are very much indebted to ye. Compa. but so miserab poor yt. they are not capab. of making restitution, ye. reasons of their suspension & our sending ym. to Madrass I refer Yor. Honr. to the Cousultations of March last.

The Thistleworth is now taking in peppr. at Bantall & hope she will be dispatch'd this Coast by the 20th. of February.

Pepper comes in fast since the Arrivall of the Ships having this day in Godown Baharrs 350 at this place & I know of severall Prows that are laden which I expect every day, likewise there remains at Syllebar in Godown & there Bah. 120, the China men at Syllebar have agreed with Jantinell King of that Countrey to bring by Carts what pepper is at [Sillebar] which according to common report amot. to above Bah: [. . .] four days ago they sent six Carts and three more are to follow in a few days, if this undertaking proves succesful and the Country quiett doubt not but we could load a ship of two or three hundred tonns in 6 months there are vast quantitys of peppr. to the So.erd myself being an Eye wittness in Decor. 1710 but the badness of the Barrs, want of sea faring men & Sloops we have not been able to do anything.

Yor. Honr. will find my Paymars. accot. to Amot. high in ye. mouth of Sept. Octor. & Novr. the reason is I paid all the Expences that the Cashiere ought to have done bringing everything into that accot. till our present Govr. arriv'd from Bantall & I do assure Yor. Honr. that whenever I found anything that I could retrench allways did it, with the utmost integrity to my Mars. 'tis my opinion that abundance of Expences might be avoided by care and industry which I have often represent[e]d since the Supr. Vizers departure, but the great misfortune of this place is the Cheifs soon forgett all instructions from Supr. Vizers or England, allways intimating keeping up the Compy. Honr. with the Expence of their Estates.

The Country is very Pleasant, Healthfull & ffruitfull. If there is anything wanting in either of those three 'tis intirely to be imputed to the Inhabitants.

If my Accots. and Actions prove just & true crave the favour to Continue me in the service, where I have liv'd these eight Years and have gott an encreasing family assuring Yor. Honr. of my Honesty to the Compa. & Obedience to Your Honrs. Orders Not having to add I remain,

Hond. Sr.

Yor. Most Obedt. Humble. Servt.

John Hunter.

N[o]. 61

To the Honble Edwd. Harrison Esqr.
Presidt. & Govr. of Fort St. George.

Honble. Sr.

The Rt. Honble. Compa. in their last Genll. to this place complaining of severall supr.fluous charges take leave to acqt. Yor. Honr. that in my Opinion there are abundance of Expences might be considerably retrench'd ꝑticularly that of building where the use of Attops &ca. laid aside & tiles instead thereof (which can be procured here at pretty reasonable rates) allso the numbr. of Carpenters reduced to 5 or 6 which will at all times do the business of this place except upon an extraordinary occasion, Yor. Honr. will find a Large allowance now to the Gunnr. ffarriers & Steward Assistants which never before was practicable and indeed the diett expence would answer expectation were there no more then one table kept on the Compa. Accot. The Buggazees which amot. here as well as at Bantall to a very considerable sum monthly as the paymars. Accot. of each place will show, especially as they contrive and make differences in the Country Governmts. purely for their own ends, to have so many extraordinary men brot. into pay upon an Expedition which imports nothing at all as I have wrote Yor. Honr. in a foregoing Paragraph are of much diservice to the Compas. affairs, and if Yor. Honr. would think of

sending some Europeans and Topass Soldiers over and disband all the Buggazees (except a few of the trustiest to carry and bring overland Letters) I'me ꝑswaded it would be much for the interest of the Kt. Honble. Compa. for by their underhand Becheeras with the native they insinuate matters to the natives which sometimes cost many hundred Dollrs. to accomodate.

I observe the Compa. are pressing to have the out paggar withdrawn but I must acqt. Yor. Honr. if they are all the Pepper Yor. Honr. will se[e] brought in from Sillebar &ca. will be intirely lost the Country People having no boats to bring it either here or to Bantall. I am

Yor. Honrs. most Obedt. Humble. Servt.

JOHN HUNTER.

N[o]. 62

TO THE HONBLE. EDWD. HARRISON ESQR.

PRESIDT. & GOVR. OF FORT ST. GEORGE &
ST. DAVID &Ca. COUNCILL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE. SR. &Ca.

I recd on the 27th Inst. from Mr. Bernard Benyon at Ponticherry Yor. Honrs. &ca. favour to me of the 23d. by which I perceive you approve of my keeping the Enemy to a strict observance of the Articles proposed to Mr. Hebbert, they should consent before I agreed to a Cessation of Arms, and I assure you none of their pretentions to friendship or fair promises shall induce me to be less vigilant then now I am thô we have in the solemnest manner in the world concluded a Peace.

2. As soon as Mr. Benyon acquainted me he was arriv'd at Ponticherry and what discourse he had with Mr. Hebbert on the affair he has to manage I immediately imparted to him my sentiments upon it and let him know what termes I thought in Honr. might conclude a peace upon, and I was so happy in my thoughts that they agreed exactly with his, so that I hope we may be able at last to bring them to moderate terms, which they seeme to dem. at prest. if we can't to our own and procure a peace for nothing and I am of Opinion we should have been nearer to conclusion of Differences then we are, had not Mr. Benyons indisposition prevented it, who to our great misfortune was seiz'd about 5 days with a violent fit of the Gout, notwithstanding which ho does more then I could possibly expect wch. I wish may'nt impair his constitution to that degree that he won't be able to go thrô the great affair he has in hand.

3. It is an inexpressible sattisfaction to me that Yor. Honr. &ca. has such an opinion of my prudence and Conduct as to leave it solely to myself and the Gentleman at Ponticherry to conclude a peace without any further directions from You and I assure you we'll agree with our Enemys as soon as convenient, for thô we are very sensible delays are dangerous in some cases, yet on the contrary, in the affair we are to transact we beleive to great readiness would but animate our Enemys and induce them to insist upon terms that it would be impossible for us to grant or Yor. Honr. &ca. afterwards to approve off.

4. I keep a Book apart from all other business wherein I enter all the letters that pass between Mr. Benyon and myself on ys. occasion which I shall hereafter transmitt to Yor. Honr. &ca. unless You require Duplicates of those Letters as they pass from time to time between us which as I don't apprehend will be of any consequence to You, I have forborne hitherto to do and have nothing further to trouble Yor. Honr. &ca. with at ꝑsent then to wish success to all Yor. undertakings and a happy and Honble. Conclusion to the Warr We are at present engaged in, Being

FORT ST. DAVID
APRILL THE 3RD. 1712.

HONBLE. SR. &CA.
Yr. most Obedt. Humble. Servt.
ROBT. RAWORTH.

N[o]. 63

To the Hon^ble. Edw^d. Harrison Esq^r.
Presid^t. & Gov^r. of Fort S^t. George and S^t. David &c^a. Councill.

Hon^ble. S^r.

On the 27^th Ult^o. we were Hon^rd. with one from You of the 23^rd. on the 30^th. d^o. with Yo^rs. of the 18^th. by Sloop Rama and on the 2^nd. Ins^t. imported the Yatch the tandell of which likewise Deliverd to us Yo^rs. of the 19^th. Ult^o. at which time arriv'd likewise Brigantine S^t. David with an Acco^t. signd by M^r. Jackson signifying what she had aboard but no letters.

2. We thank Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. for the supplys You were pleas'd to send us by the abovemention'd Vessells all which are unloaden & we would return the Yatch immediately but are apprehensive she may run some risque if at Anchor in Madrass road when the approaching Aprill Monsoon is expected ; so we will keep her here till Yo^r. further orders and send her to You or bring her in this river as You shall think convenient to Direct.

3. M^r. Benyon is safe arrived at Ponticherry and has ever since been very busy about the affair Yo^t. Hon^r. &c^a. sent him upon of which we shall not enlarge, the Dep^ty. Gov^r. having the sole negotiation of that business and tells us he'll advise You the ℔ticulars of it in a Letter from himself.

4 On the 1^st. Ins^t. M^r. Tho^s. Woodward arriv'd here who according to Yo^r. Hon^rs. &c^a. orders we have station'd in the room of M^r. Henry Cottrell not doubting but he'll take better care of his employ then his predecessor did and avoid the ill courses he persued, which in the end hurry'd him on to his destruction.

5. Our Dutch allies at Porto Novo have contrary to their usual Practice returnd us 5 of the 7 Deserters, M^r. Raworth formerly advis'd Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. to have taken Sanctuary in their ffactory th[ere] but detaind two who formerly were in their service & stand [con]demn'd at Negapatam to be hang'd for murder and other [villa]nies committed by them, we shall make [severe example] as farr as our power will permitt us of those return'd & afterwards keep 'em in close prison till Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. tell us how You'll have 'em dispos'd off for we dare not venture them under arms again.

6. We are very glad to hear the Toddington is safe arrivd, but much concernd so many Gentlemen are dead at Bencoolen & heartily wish for the arr^ll. of the same that their stations might be filled again.

7. M^r. Raworth acquainting us that besides abundance of crimes comitted by Cap^t. Howson he has found him 3 sev^ll. times when y^e. Enemy were in view and we minutely expecting Action so very drunk, that he was wholy uncapable of doing his duty & had once in one of those fitts like to have lost the division he commanded, we have thought it necessary to return him to Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. by this conveyance to be disposd off as Y^r. Hon^r. &c^a. shall Judge Conven^t. for we can't depend upon him here fearing he may one time or other give the Enemy an oppertunity to take their full revenge on us, & should such a thing happen after we know his failing & had in expectation of his amendm^t. so often past 'em by we think we ought justly to receive the Blame ourselves.

8. We have nothing further to add then to assure Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. we are

Fort S^t. David
Aprill 4, 1712.

Hon^ble. S^r. &c^a.
Yo^r. Obed^t. Hum^ble. Serv^ts.

Robert Raworth.
Richard ffarmer.
Richard Harrison.
Phillip Baker.
Matthew Weld.
Thomas Woodward.

N[o] 64

To the Hon[ble]. Edw[d]. Harrison Esq[r].
Presid[t]. & Gov[r]. of Fort St. George &c[a]. Councill

Hon[ble]. S[r]. &c[a].

1. Our last to Yo[r]. Hon[r]. &c[a]. was on the 4[th]. Ins[t]. by Cap[t]. Daws in the Shallum who we hope is safe arriv'd since which on the 6[th]. we recd. Yo[rs]. of the 4[th]. D[o].

2. M[r]. Raworth the very moment he recd. Yo[r]. Gen[ll]. for Negapatam forwarded it thither which we are very sorry for since You seem to wish we had returnd it You & hope no ill consequence will attend the Gov[rs]. &c[a]. receipt of it, they have sent us in answ[r]. the enclosed packett for Yo[r]. Hon[r]. &c[a]. & with it a ℔ticular Letter to M[r]. Raworth the translate of which is enclosed, 'tis very civilly penn'd, & we don't doubt but the other is so too.

3. Enclosed is the Letter Yo. Hon[r]. &c[a]. Lodg'd there in 7[br]. last which they sent us likewise we suppose through a mistake on M[r]. Raworths writing 'em to return him a short Letter he sent thither for our expected Shipping before we were certainly inform'd the four Cruiz[rs]. seen off Pollicatt were Dutch so that the fresh orders you sent thither arriv'd very timely & were forwarded last night according to the Hon[ble]. Presid[ts]. order to Negapatam, and Trincombarr and the Gov[r]. of the Latter is desired to return those at pres[t]. in his possession which shall be sent Yo[r]. Hon[r]. &c[a]. as soon as recd.

4. Its very true that as our duty obliges us we transmitted to Yo[r]. Hon[r]. &c[a]. from time to time acco[ts]. of the success we were so happy as to obtain over our Enemys & as soon as we recd information how it Disheartned 'em and that they wanted men, money, & provision, we advis'd You of that likewise but 'twas impossible for us to do so before it came to our knowledge, and thô we still wish M[r]. Hebbert may procure a peace as cheap as Yo[r]. Hon[r]. &c[a]. desires yet we are of opinion You'll neve[r] be able to accomodate Differences so that we may have a free trade in land without molestation as formerly without disbursing a summ of money & M[r]. Raworth assures Yo[r]. Hon[r]. &c[a]. in behalf of himself and M[r]. Benyon that they will endeavour to merritt Yo[r]. good opinion of 'em by reducing the exorbitant sum they dem[d]. as low as can be expected, and Procure an Equivolent to what at least they shall consent to give that it maynt be said we purchase the peace.

5. We don't know what Moubert Cawn meant by his message about the Grass Cutters nor of another he lately sent to know why we put ourselves to the trouble of raising new points whilst we are in daily expectation of a peace, for surely he cant but beleive that we shall at all times be as well provided against him as we at present are for we know him to be a ℔fideous revengefull Fellow and has notwithstanding his first message seizd 5 of our Grass Cutters who are detain'd in the Woods because we won't consent to pay 5 Checkr̃us apeice for their Enlargem[t].

6. We thank Yo[r]. Hon[r]. &c[a]. for ℔mitting us to build an Hospitall w[ch]. we are sure we can bring in the Compass of the sum we mention'd in ours on that subject and we hope if we don't exceed it and build the Doct[rs]. Apartm[t]. to You won't disaprove of it thô at present You are of Opinion that is a useless peice of work.

7. We are sorry our Merch[ts]. make no better hand of their broad Cloth beleive they are so heartily tired with the Bargain that they 'l no more teaze us as usuall for it again.

8. Inclosed is an Acco[t]. of what Callicoes they have imported since 7[br]. last, and they promise us very fairly to have compleated their contract in a month more in which we hope they won't fail we have advanc'd them Pag[s]. 7000 Viz[t]. the 22[nd]. Octo[r]. 2000 and the 8 Nove[r]. 5000.

9. Our Books shall be ballanc'd and sent Yo[r]. Hon[r]. &c[a]. with the utmost Expedition.

10. We have presum'd to receive of sev[ll]. Persons the sum of four hundred and sixteen Pag[s]. for which we have given bills on Yo[r]. Hon[r] &c[a]. payable at 5 days sight Viz[t].

Of M[r]. Phillip Baker ...	...	...	...	250 pay[a]. to M[r]. Hercules Courtney.
Of Cap[t]. John Roach ...	...	...	...	100 D°. to M[r]. Edward Bulkley
Of Cap[t]. Tho[s]. Wallis ...	...	...	...	66 D°. to M[r]. Ab[el] L'Angelier.

To which we Request Yo[r]. punctuall Complyance.

11. We have nothing more to advise You of at present but wishg. Yo[r]. Hon[r]. &c[a]. Success in all Yo[r]. undertakings are

FORT S[T]. DAVID
APRILL 8, 1712.

HON[BLE]. S[R]. &C[A].
Yo[r]. Obed[t]. Hum[ble]. Serv[ts].
ROB[T]. RAWORTH.
RICH[D]. FARMER.
RICHARD HARRISON.
PHILLIP BAKER.
MATTHEW WELD.
THOMAS WOODWARD.

N[o]. 65.

TO THE HON[BLE]. EDW[D]. HARRISON ESQ[R]. PRESID[T]. FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R[T]. HON[BLE]. THE UNITED COMP[A]. OF MERCH[TS]. OF ENGLAND, TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES, AND GOV[R]. OF FORT S[T]. GEORGE &C[A]. COUNCILL.

The last we wrote Yo[r]. Hon[r]. &c[a]. was the 18[th]. Jan[ry]. ℔ Ship Presid[t]. coppy of which comes herewith since which last night Yo[rs]. of the 15 Jan[ry]. came to hand ℔ Cossids but those Letters mentiond of the 16[th]. Dece[r]. sent overland as Yet are not arrived.

The S[t]. Andrew being so near her Dispatching we have not time to Enlarge therefore shall only advise that these Cossids arrived just in time to occasion us to put some Rice on board Ship Darby for in the same moment we read Yo[r]. Letters we orderd Rice to be procured below to send on board her which otherwise we had not done by reason of advices from Your part that there was likely to be a good Crop of Corn and that here it is very dear and lik[e]ly to be as scarce as last Year, had your other Cossids arriv'd in good time we had so orderd it that a greater quantity had been sent You some how or other, however what can get for the Darby shall be put on board her.

M[r]. Josiah Chittee goes passenger on this ship for Your port in order to make up Acco[ts]. with some people there, he has cleard the debt due to the Comp[a]. here but is still indebted Largely to severall persons here, so before cou'd gett our consent to go off this shoar he did make this board his Attornys to receive and pay off his debts, coppy of the instrument for that purpose we send You inclosed desiring Yo[r]. Hon[r]. &c[a]. on the arrivall of any of the specified adventures or any other of his that may come to Yo[r]. port may be stop'd to make good said debts, lest some of the Creditors should be troublesome to us, he has given his promise to returne to us as soon as he has made up his Madrass Acco[ts]. which we desire You to cause him to ℔form.

Mr. Dean is recalld from Ballasore and Mr. Richd. Acton Gone in his roome who has orders to send you expresses on any occasions that may happen, we are

FORT Wm.
FEBY. 24, $17\frac{11}{12}$.

HONBLS. Srs. &cA.
Yor. most humble. Servts.
JOHN RUSSELL.
ABRA : ADDAMS.
Wm. LOYD.
SAMUELL FEAKE.
J. WILLIAMSON.
JOHN DEAN.

No. 66.

TO THE HONBLE. EDWARD HARRISON ESQR. PRESIDT. FFOR AFFAIRS OF THE RT. HONBLE. UNITED COMPA. OF MERCHTS. OF ENGLAND TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES AND GOVR. OF FFORT ST. GEORGE &cA. COUNCILL.

HONBLE. Srs. &cA.

The foregoing is coppy of what sent You [by] Capt. Greenhaugh on the St. Andrew dated the 24th. Inst. wherein we had just time to acknowledge the receipt of Yors. of the 15 Janry. which mentiond to contain a Copy of Yours of the 16th. Decr. but omitted to be sent by the Secry. and the Cossid not yet being arrived deprives us of giving answer thereunto.

Capt. Hurst's requests both Originll. and Copy are gone on Ships St. George and Sherbo[r]n Frigatt that our Honble. Mars. might adjust that overplus of Salt Petre then mentiond in Charterparty however think it very propr. yt. one ought to have gone by the Ship.

We observe what You write about the ffrench & shall be very glad to hear of their arrivall at Pondicherry without doing any further mischeif abroad by their Cruizing.

The Bills of Excas. drawn by our Presidt. and Mr. Addams on Messrs. Raworth and Frederick for 5000 Rups. Madrass was paid them by Zaudy Cawn before said bills were drawn therefore we are sorry were not complyd withall but Yor. not advancing any money on Zaudy Cawns accot. we think very prudent.

We have wrote twice to Court to advice of our present being in a readiness and only wait for the Emprs. Protection for its passage to him, to which as yet we have had no answer, wherefore [we] resolv'd to send a Vakeel Directly to Court with a fresh request [for] said protection and in the Interim shall dispatch boats to Pattna with the present there to be in a readiness to proceed from thence upon the arrivall of a Hosbolkookum from the King, we observe Senr. Manuch is sent for to Dilly and that You have engaged his Interest for us, which we shall [give] directions to our Cheif in this affair to Embrace.

We note what you hint concerning Zulphakur Cawn to whom we shall order due application to be made in Case his Interest still Continues at Court of which we know not to the Contrary.

We are very sorry to hear of the scarcity of grain, th[at] is likely to be with You and that You are disapointed [*sic*] of a supply from Ganjam and those parts, and allso that Fort St. David is still so closely beseig'd to which we heartyly wish a happy Conclusion.

We at ffirst design'd to lade for Yo^r. Port 600 [bales on the] Darby, but since [finding Yo^r.] urgent necessity for Grain we have put on board her about 400 and filld her up with Rice, she hath allso on board her 5000^md. of Petre to assist for Kintlage of Yo^r. homeward Bound shipping and Casks of Salted Beef & 10 Leaguer of Battavia Arrack being what You desired for stores for Yo^r. Garrison.

We hope You'll reimburse the 400 Bales now sent You & if can returne us 600 we shall not fail to supply You with 200 more by our August Shipping.

Wishing that our Hon^ble. Ma^rs. affairs may fflourish in Yo^r. parts we remain

FORT WILLIAM
FEB^RY. 28^TH. $17\frac{11}{12}$.

HON^BLE. S^R.
Yo^r. most Humble Serv^ts.

P.S.—Zaudee Cawne having paid into our Hon^ble. Ma^rs. y^e. sum of 5000 Rup^s. Madrass for which we have given him 3 bills of Exc^a. upon you which pray make good paym^t. of & we shall creditt Yo^r. ffactory for the same.

JOHN RUSSELL.
ABRA: ADDAMS.
WILL^M. LLOYD.
SAM^LL. FEAKE.
J. WILLIAMSON.
JOHN DEANE.

N[o]. 67.

TO THE HON^BLE. EDW^D. HARRISON ESQ^R. PRESID^T. FFOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^T. HON^BLE. UNITED COMP^A. OF MERCH^T. OF ENGLAND TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES & GOV^R. OF FFORT S^T. GEORGE &C^A. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE. S^R. &C^A.

The foregoing is coppy of what sent You overland dated the 28^th. Feb^RY. and serves to inclose Invoice of what laden on board this ship amo^t. to Rup^s. 352227. 11.6. M^r. W^m. Lloyd who goes down to dispatch the Darby will enclose bill of Lading and advise what quantity of Rice is on board which is omitted in the Invoice it being all weigh'd off below and as yet no acco^t. come to hand, cost and charges of which shall be sent You overland, in a seperate Invoyce in a few days.

We desire You would not order ashoar any Broad cloths that comes consign'd to this ffactory we having wrote to the Comp^a. to send us a certain quantity proper for this markett, if You can dispose of the Lead for more then 3 13 ℔ M^d. Bengall Rs. an. we desire You would or otherwise forward it down to us.

Enclosed comes musters of the Taffetys we have sent You for England which we desire You would forward by the same ship You lade those Goods on. We are

FORT WILLIAM
MARCH 1, $17\frac{11}{12}$.

HON^BLE. S^R. &C^A.
Yo^r. most hum^ble. Serv^ts.

JOHN RUSSELL.
ABRA: ADDAMS.
WILLIAM LLOYD.
SAM^LL. FEAKE.
J. WILLIAMSON.
JOHN DEANE.

N[o]. 68

To the Hon^ble. Edwa^d. Harrison Esq^r. Presid^t. & Gov^r. ffor Affairs of the Hon^ble. United East India Comp^a. of Merch^ts. of England trading to the East Indies &c^a. Council of Fort S^t. George.

Hon^ble. S^r. &c^a.

I recd. Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. favour of the 15^th. Jan^ry. in Calcutta the 24^th. Inst. to which shall answer.

As to what You were pleas'd to mention concerning my not writing You by my severall Pattamarrs which to my remembrance was but one and that at my own charge and about my own affairs, I was ignorant of Yo^r. Desires else might have wrote you as to be sure I should not have omitted had there been any thing of importance offerd being settled at Ballasore partly on that acco^t. but to advise the price of the Grain alone at that time of the Year when there was no expectation of a [scarcity] with You and nothing worth Yo^r. notice You would doubtless have deem'd me impertinent, beside who woud have expected at that time of the Year that Yo^r. Crop on the Coast would have come to nothing which I presume if Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. had surmis'd any such thing I beleive You would have advis'd our Presid^t. and Councill of it by the Europe shipping & others bound to this place who left Yo^r. Port some Months after my Cossid arrivd in Madrass to have made Provision on that Acco^t. but on the contrary You wrote word that there was a probobility [*sic*] of a fine Crop but had Yo^r. Letter arriv'd when I was at Ballasore I would have acquainted our President and Councill of Yo^r. Desires, and no doubt but I had recd. their orders consonant to Yo^r. Desires.

I am sorry for a Likelyhood You apprehend of a famine [in] Madrass but do beleive the Presid^t. & Councill of this Place will use their utmost integrity in supplying You with what possible this Monsoon and had I remain'd in Ballasore I shall not have been wanting in giving Encouragem^t. to the Inhabitants to send their Ships and other Vessells to Yo^r. port, I am with due Respects

Fort William — Hon^ble. S^r.

March 1^st. $17\frac{11}{12}$. — Yo^r. most hum^ble. Serv^t.

John Dean.

N[o]. 69

To the Hon^ble. Edw^d. Harrison Esq^r.
Presid^t. & Gov^r. of ffort S^t. George &c^a. Council.

Hon^ble. S^r.

This is to enclose one bill of Lading of Ship D[arby] Cargoe which was sign'd this day and the Dispatches [. . .]

I was in hopes to have found the Rice provided for [Your Hon^r.] which was 3800 m^d. on board her but contrary have advices tha[. . .] lost by the violence of the weather and no news of the [. . .] ℔ticular relation hereof will be sent Yo^r. Hon^r. overland wishing the Ship a safe and quick passage conclude from

Sauger — Hon^ble. S^r. &c^a.

March 6, $17\frac{11}{12}$. — Yo^r. most hum^ble. & Obed^t. Serv^t.

Will^m. Lloyd

N[o]. 70

To the Hon^ble. Edward Harrison Presid^r.
for the United Affairs of the Hon^ble. English
East India Comp^a. on the Coast of Coromandell
&c^a. Govern^r. of Fort S^t. George.

Hon^ble. [S^r.] &c^a.

The accompanying under the 1^st. [. . .] last, we sent Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. by a Conveyance overland. Yo^rs. of the 27 Sep^t. by Capt^a. Gaywood on the S^ts. Cruize we rec̃d. the 19^th. January and the 14^th. last month that of the 29^th. Nove^r. overland but that by the William as intimated is not come to hand.

We pray God send the Ships You have dispatch'd home from Yo^r. side as those from this, the Catherine that departed Bombay y^e. 17 Jan^y. with a Lading to the amo^t. of 495,000 Rup^s. and y^e. London which is under our dispatches and will sail hence in two or three days to Bombay with as good a Lading to the am^o. of 496321. 36 Rup^s.

The 4^th. Ins^t. we had advice from Bombay of the Litchfeild & Mountague being safe at Columbo the 31^st. of Dece^r. and that they had dispatch'd one of their Long Boats to the Cheif at Anjengo for Directions whether to wait any longer there or proceed on their Voyage to which Latter they directed them and not hearing any more of the Enemy it's concluded they are gone to Moco which is allso the Opinion of the French Gentlemen here.

The Dutch Embassy we hear did arrive the Court the beginning of January and was favourably rec̃d. by the King which is all we had about it, but nothing as yett of our people and present at Bengall, for severall days agoe we had reports of the Emperors death which two days agoe was confirmd in a Letter from a Cheif Minister at Court to the Gov^r. of this place with no other ℔ticulars, saveing the Gen^ll. Opinion that the Prince that was in Bengall by name Ausmundeen is likely to Succeed as having the greatest Treasure, Army, and most of the principall ministers on his side. As we shall be informd in this grand Revolution you shall which with our respects and Service are the present tenders from

Surat
March 15, $17\frac{11}{12}$.

Hon^ble. S^r. &c^a.
Yo^r. most Hum^ble. Serv^ts.
William Proby.
E. Bendall.
B. Wyche.
Tho^s. Willshire.

N[o]. 71

To the Hon^ble. Edw^d. Harrison Esq^r.
Presid^t. & Gov^r. of Fort S^t. George & S^t. David &c^a. Councill.

Hon^ble. S^r. &c^a.

1. We wrote you on the 8^th. instant which we hope is safe arriv'd since which we have rec̃d none from Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a.

2. This we trouble You with to cover the coppy of a Letter which was sent last night to the Dep^ty. Gov^r. from the Dutch Cheif by which Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. will ℔ceive King Shallum is made a Prisoner his Eldest and Youngest sons kill'd and Assimuddiam upon the Throne but as some of the other [Brothers] have made their Escape we much fear but this Empire will be envolv'd in a bloody warr and wish after we are disengaged from Surrup Sing we are not molested by a more formidable Enemy.

3. The treaty at Pondicherry as Mr. Benyon informs ye. [Deputy.] Govr. stands still for want of an answer from the Buxee to the Mediators last letter which is daily expected there & we [hear] when it arrives it will bring so much content with it, [that] we may be able shortly to write You our warrs with him are ended.

We wish success to the Honble. Compa. Affairs under Yor. Honrs. &ca. management and are

Fort St. David
Aprill ye. 10, 1712.

Honble. Sr.
Yor. most Obedt. Servts.
Robert Raworth.
Richard ffarmer.
Richard Harrison.
Pp: Baker.
Matthew Weld.
Thomas Woodward.

No1. 72

To the Honble. Edwd. Harrison Esqr.
Presidt. and Govr. of Fort St. George &ca. Councill.

Honble. Sr. &ca.

1. The full moon being pass'd and no appearance at all of bad weather we now returne to Yor. Honr. &ca. the Maddepollam Yatch to be dispos'd of as You shall think convenient and heartily wish her a safe arrivall at Madrass.

2. Our last to you was on the 10th. Inst. since which we hear nothing Extraordinary either of the death of the Mogull or the affair Mr. Benyon is negotiating with Mr. Hebbert about concluding of Differences between us & Surrop Sing but hope all things are in a fair way of accomodation.

3. We wish Yor. Honr. &ca. health & prosperity in Yor. undertakings and are

Fort St. David
Aprill 12, 1712.

Honble. Sr.
Yor. Obedt. Humble. Servts.
Robert Raworth.
Richard Farmer.
Richard Harrison.
Pp: Baker.
Matthew Weld.
Thomas Woodward.

No1. 73

To the Honble. Edwd. Harrison Esqr.
Presidt. & Govr. of Fort St. George &ca. Councill.

Honble. Sr.

1. We hope the Madepollam Yatch which we dispatch'd to Yor. Honr. &ca. the 12 Inst. is safe arrivd with ours of that days date.

2. And every day since we have been attackd at Witchmeer by Seer Cawn who commands about 50 horses and 100 foot who has had the impudence to advance with his people so near our guard there that some of their shot fell into it but without doing any excetution [*sic*] and on ye. 13th. Inst. Mr. Raworth tells us he

recd information from Mr. Benyon that the Buxes deptv. were retird from Ponticher[ry] and had refus'd to sign a paper Mr. Hebbert sent them the purport of which was to oblige themselves to abide to whatever he should avard [*sic*] to be their due but last night we were [. . .] again [. . .] n on Mr. Hebbert representing the insolence of those people to the Buxee he was much concerned at it and promis'd he would reprehend 'em so that the treaty goes on more smoothly then it did before and if there is any sincerity in these people we may hope shortly to have a peace.

3. We hear nothing further of the allterations & disturbances King Shallums Death has caus'd in the Countrey nor have we anything more materiall to add then to assist You we are with the greatest respect.

FORT ST. DAVID
APRILL 15, 1712.

HONBLE. SR. &CA.
Yor. Obedt. Hum. Servts.
ROBERT RAWORTH.
RICHARD FARMER.
JNO. BERLUE.
RICHARD HARRISON.
PHILLIP BAKER.
MATT: WELD.
THOS. WOODWARD.

N[o]. 74.

TO THE HONBLE. EDWD. HARRISON ESQR.
PRESIDT. & GOVR. OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE. SR.

We have recd. Yor. esteem'd letter of the [13th.] March O.S. but by reason of the Easter Hollidays and other important service we could not answer it till now which delay we begg You would not take amiss, by the said Letter we were informd of the business concerning Mr. John Andreas Hiess and his present wife Rachael Abendana & son Joseph but we observe Yor. Honr. &ca. have not answerd to the rea[sons] we have given and upon which we have granted our [protec]tion to the sd. Heis & his family, therefore we are obliged[. . .]more in few words (hoping you will not take it amiss) [to de]clare to Yor. Honr. &ca. that as to the Sd. Heiss and his family they required of Us and alledged in their defence for the [same] Vizt. that if the sd. Abendana was so much in debt as You mention in Yor. last when he died why did his creditors make no demand in three Years while his heirs were in Madrass before they went to Pollicat and have recourse to Justice if they refus'd paymt. we do suppose they did not make their demands because they were in the same place with them, they should have hinder'd their going or at least having carried their goods with them which reasons impartially considerd must be of some force. Secondly as Yor. Honr. &ca. absolutely pretend to be Executors of the decd. Abendana's will, which power did not commence untill the marriage of the said Widdow which was transacted at Pollicatt where she was about two months, when she was so near why [did] not Yor. Honr. &ca. demand her from Pollicat and make her give an accot. of her husbands estate, and further it was ℔mitted her to carry her goods, nay, things of great bulk as Large Chests which could not be easily done out of a close city where as You said in Yor. last the heirs had so many Creditors except it was with the Consent and knowledge of the ruler of the Place, and we beleive this dissimulation was because in the sd. will there is one article on which You ground Yor. powr. after which comes another directly contrary & in such a case according to old maxim as it is the same will by which the testator declares his wife shall be Excecutrix of the testament that alone annulls all former declarations and Wills.

We cannot in all points allow of the proceedings of the Missionary Ziengenbalk tho he alledges in his defence that Rachaell Abendana did abjure her former Religion and declard herself a protestant with the Leave of the Cheif of Pollicatt and in presence of severall wittnesses before he married her to Mr. Heiss the Cheif of Pollicatt being sattisfied with the agrement she made with her son but the sd. missionary could not be ignorant of Yor. pretentions, he ought indeed to have behav'd himself otherwise being obliged thereunto by the favours he recd and for which we will represent him to the King and other ℔sons as he deserves.

As concerning the report that Mr. Hiess is bror. to his Wifes mother here are Living wittnesses can testify to the contrary and that they are no ways akin to each other as there's an end of that.

The sd. Hiess does not deny but that of his own free will he made over his house to Mr. Benyon but at another time Mr. Benyon promisd to returne him the 1000 pags. he was obliged to deposit on accot. of the demands of Mr. Davenport, and told him he never saw any bill of Execa. about which there had been a Dispute in Court but could not be decided whether he was obliged to pay it or not.

The Bond of 5100 pags. was deliverd to Mr. Benyon because he promisd to be attorney to the sd. Abendana all which they were oblig'd to consent to, to get clear of the place without further molestation, and by a stop being put to their Goods they concluded they could not have liberty to carry any more away, these and other reasons they alledge in their defence & they would have sent a attorney to fetch the said Goods, they do complain very much of the ill usage they have recd [with] You, which Yor. Honr. allso gives us to understand and at which we very much admire that these ℔sons being such as You say and instantly require that we should return them [back] to you, the reasons You have given should have been sufficient have had them returnd before now but se[e]ing it is only a case of justice we suspen'd our sentence untill it bee determin'd by our justice as Yet there has been no ℔'son nominated for that purpose, and to detain You no longer we will shew You in few words the reasons which obliges us to protect 'em, first they never was in the service of the English Compa. either before or after their coming out of Madrass were they accused of Lese Majestatis, nor of Crimes against any Majestate nor sentence given against them for any evill deed to oblige us to returne 'em but only for debts and accots. the which they are ready to [satisfy] when they are proved when You may expect all manner of justice, a Bankrupt in England may take protection where he pleases and agree with his Creditors while he is there, much more these people which cannot be termd so & besides they came to us from another jurisdiction which is Pollicatt where their marriage and Contract with the son was transacted and with the Consent of the Cheif there, so that if You had any Pretensions You should have made Yor. application to the said Cheif.

The reasons you give we should not think much of if Yor. Demands were against any ℔sons inhabitants of this place for that would give us no trouble and we shou'd be very thankfull if any of our Debtors here should come to yor. place that You would be pleas'd to help us to our Rt. but we beleive if we should ask them you would not deliver them without first giving security for what should happ[en] upon such a delivery, we will not enlarge further beleiving we have answerd the Principall points of Yor. Honrs. Letter hoping You will not take this defence amiss desireing very much the Continuance of Yor. friendship, we are

FORT DAINBOURG
APRILL 16, 1712.

HONBLE. SR.
Yor. most humble. Servts.
[*Lacuna.*]

N[o]. 75.

To the Hon[ble]. Edw[d]. Harrison Esq[r].

Presid[t]. & Govern[r]. of Fort S[t]. George &c[a]. Councill.

Hon[ble]. S[r]. &c[a].

We wrote Yo[r]. Hon[r]. &c[a]. the 15 ins[t]. advising the needfull to that time since which we have rec̄d none from you.

2. We hear from Ponticherry that the treaty draws pretty near a Conclusion the mediator having sent his last proposalls to the Buxee to which he was in expectation of an answer, we are not certain how he rec̄d them but 'tis reported with disdain and that he complains M[r]. Hebbert has done very unfriendly by him, to keep him 2 months in the field in which time he has expended 200,000 Rup[s]. and at last making so very indifferent offers which gives us very great reason to fear we shall be oblig'd to com̄ence the Warr again.

3. We have not been attackd in any of our Quarters since y[e]. 11[th]. but on the 16[th]. about 200 of their foot enterd the Wester[n]most part of our Bounds and drove away 40 head of Cattle which were grazing there and before a party of men could come to their releif were got to farr among the hills to be rescued, We could make reprisall and do 'em considerable more damage if we pleased, but chose rather to suffer these small insults then give the Mediator or the World occasion to say we violated the Cessation.

4. Two days ago a Young Lad calld Tho[s]. Roome was seiz'd with a ffrenzy, and Yesterday about one a Clock got out of the Fort & run so prodigiously fast into the Moors Country that thô we had a parcell of peons in pursuit of him he was taken by some of the Enemys horse before they could lay hold of him and Carry'd away to the Camp from whence we suppose he will [be] sent to Chingee, and undergoe the same restraint the others doe, who are there, We hear likewise there were three more deserters from Madrass surrenderd themselves a few days agoe to 'em and that the Juncaneers at Cunimeere had murther'd two Pegue Merch[ts]. that were travelling from Madrass to Ponticherry.

5. We have nothing more to impart to Yo[r]. Hon[r]. &c[a]. at present but assure You we are

Fort S[t]. David
Aprill 18, 1712

Hon[ble]. S[r]. &c[a].
Yo[r]. most Obed[t]. Hum[ble]. Serv[t][s].

Robert Raworth.
Richard ffarmer.
Jn[o]. Berlu.
Rich[d]. Harrison.
Phillip Baker.
Maithew Weld.
Tho[s]. Woodward.

N[o]. 76.

To the Hon[ble]. Edw[d]. Harrison Esq[r].

Presid[t]. and Gov[r]. of Fort S[t]. George &c[a]. Councill.

Hon[ble]. S[r]. &c[a].

The last from hence to Yo[r]. Hon[r]. &c[a]. was on the 22[d]. ins[t]. advising You what an insolent action the Moores that afternoon committed ever since which we have kept a party of men in those parts to receive 'em if they come there again, which we suppose they are not unacquainted with, and that's the reason they have ever since remaind in the woods very quiet.

We will obey Yo^r. orders and send up the five deserters returnd us from Porto Novo, by the Dutch the first secure oppertunity that offers, as likewise we will all others who in our opinion may have an inclination to leave the service, the Boy we mentiond to yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. to be taken by the Moors had sence enough thô he faign'd madness the day before to take the Sea, when the Horse persued him, and escaped 'em and arrived safe at Pondicherry that night from whence M^r. Hebert has returnd him to us.

We are sorry the Letter to Negapatam was not answerd with so much civility as it ought, for if they would they might easily have imagin'd by the stile of it that it was not written after the delivering of the Deserters, but when their Cheif at Porto Novo refus'd to return them hither and how can they say Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. complain unjustly when it's but a few months ago they refus'd the Delivery of an Englishman and sent him to Negapatam notwithstanding they were advised severall times from hence what nation he was of.

We shall lay out no more on the Hospital then is absolutely necessary and if possible reduce the expence of it to 500 Pag^s. and it shall be so contriv'd as to be made la[rge] on Occasion thô if its bigg enough to contain all the sick at this juncture we hope will always be so far not beleiving we shall have so many men in garrison again as now.

Thô we have frequently summond the merch^ts. into Consultation both before and after the expiration of the time limited in their Contract and threatned to extort from 'em the penalty mentiond therein in case they did not spedily comply, yet on receipt of yo^r. Hon^rs. &c^a. of the 19^th. we summond 'em again and proposed the same question to 'em, and allso demanded of 'em to let us know how long it would be before they could certainly bring in the Callicoes they had contracted for, to which they desired they might have the Liberty to give their answer in writing which they this day have done and we inclose it to Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. with the translates for Yo^r. perusall, we must confess there is a great deal of truth in what they alledge, relating to the troubles at Porto Novo, for that some of us who have private dealings there, knows very well that Surrop Sings forces sometimes very impudently enter the town and demand of the Phousdar all persons residing there belonging to the English, nor are they content when he tells them there's none, but search the town that they may be truly sattisfied he does not lye, which intimidates the people so that they are forced to conceal their Goods, and hide themselves and do their business in the night time however Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. will ꝑceive that they promise without any Equivocations, to ꝑforme their Contract in two months time which beleiving they will we are of opinion you may depend upon 600 Bales from hence for a Sep^r. Ship, and as they bring in Cloth we shall be sure to put it to the Washers & req^t. Your orders whether we shall send it to you by all Conveyance that offer as its sorted.

We hear nothing more of the Death of the Mogull w^ch. does not as yet create any allterations in these parts, the Du[an]we are advised has taken Chillee Naigues woods which he [had deliverd to Arisma Naigue Son, and that he is going with] the Greatest part of his forces towards Tandore and Chutinopili but 'tis said he designs to send Subonditorum with 300 horse and 500 ffoot into the Trevodee Country to preserve [it] from the insults of Surrop Sings forces, who now subsists by rapine and plunder both friend and ffoe.

M^r. Raworth tells us he is advis'd from Pondicherry that M^r. Benyon still remains there, upon a fresh prospect M^r. Hebbert has given him of procuring a peace, we wish heartily he may be successfull, thô very much fear when the Articles agreed on by both partys come to be rattified they will fly off in the manner they did before, for there's not a more false and wicked Race of People in the Universe then they are, we shall allways be sure to advise You of their motions, and shall whenever we have an oppertunity to engage 'em, exert ourselves to the utmost of our Power, that they may be compelld at last to hearken to reason.

Mr. Pp: Baker, is closing up his Accots. and making preparation to repair to Madrass, by the first oppertunity that presents, persuant to the order in Yors. of ye. 22nd. inst.

We request Yor. Honr. &ca. to send ℔ first conveyance, that offers 1000 Gunneys 5 Candy of ropes & 2 Candys of twine, which in a Little time we shall want.

We heartily wish success to all Yor. undertakings and are

Fort Sr. David
Aprill 26, 1712.

Honble. Sr.
Yor. most Obedt. Humble. Servt[s].
Robt. Raworth.
Richd. Farmer.
Jno. Berlu.
Richd. Harrison.
Pp: Baker.
Matthew Weld.
Thomas Woodward.

N[o]. 77.

To the Honble. Edwd. Harrison Esqr.
President and Govr. for Affairs of the Rt. Honble. United English East India Compa. &ca. Councill in Fort St. George.

Honble. Sr. &ca.

The 4th. at night we were favour'd with Yors. of the 25th. Ulto. and the 10th. instant Cunshem Lingana returnd from the Country and ever since we have been most employ'd on the business of our investment which we hope is at last concluded in terms agreable to Yor. expectations.

The Dasheroon Merchants could by no means be ℔swaded to provide Long Cloth and Sallampores ordry. without [the] proportion in strip'd Betteelaes and more our trusting them with an advance of at least 5000 pags. wherefore duely referring upon that seasonable caution in Yor. Letter, in case they should any ways be concernd with the Dutch, we resolv'd to relinquish all dealings with 'em if with better security we could ingage Cunshen Lingana &ca. to undertake the business at Ingerom which has succeeded to our desire and the concluding a Genll. Investmt. of 40000 pags. in ordinary Long Cloth and Sallampores according to the Dasheroon Musters, 2000 ps. of sail Cloth and 3500 ps. of very fine Betteelaes of great variety of stripes, and the Lengths and breadths according to Yor. Directions, ½ these Goods are to be brought in by the 1st. of 7br. and the remainder by Xmass, for the Long Cloth we pay 32 pags. & 13 for the Sallampores & for the Sail Cloth 20 of which sort none has been provided for these 12 Years past and the weavers finding little or no gain by that manufacture for their incouragement we have advanced 2½ Pags. ℔ Corge, the stripd Betteelaes are of an extraordinary fineness, and we pay Rups. 10 ℔ ps. for those of the usuall lengths and breadths, and 8 for the 1000 ps. 2 Yards long.

Thus farr Honble. Sr. &ca. we have contracted for the better ℔formance, have taken the merchants obligation & that nothing may be wanting on our parts desire You'll hasten away the needfull sum of money, the profitt on Course goods is very inconsiderable and the quantity of fine so small that we found it very difficult to bring 'em to a Complyance and their great hopes are that Yor. Honr. &ca. will order the Gingham Sheets and Izzarees or else some fine Long Cloth and Sallampores, when they promise to abate 1 pag oda in a Corge on the Long Cloth ordinary.

We send a muster of Neck[c]loths 16 in the peice 1½ Yard Long and ½ an Ell broad for which they demand 12 Rupᵉ. ℔ pᵉ.

Messʳˢ. Cranwell and Faucett most gratefully acknowledge Yoʳ. favours, the latter setts out 2 or 3 days hence for Ingerom and will be very carefull in frugall management and whatever regards the Compᵃ. Interest, with him goes one of Cunshem Lingana's partners to provide the goods, and we do not doubt of Good success in spight of all the Dutch Contrivances since the new Rajah gives the same or more incouragement then his predecessor being very desirous and ready to assist in all ways and means, that may advance ours and exclude the Dutch trading in his Countiy, and for passing the Moors Governmᵗ. in those parts where the Dutch are [. . .] at work to our prejudice we shall send by Mᴿ. ffaucett Habib Cawns pervan which shall be sufficient for the present.

We shall never presume to concern ourselves with Yoʳ. order in the point of settlement but as allready hinted the Rajah is extreamly fond of our Company for which as yet we can find no other reason then a suspicion of some treachery from the Dutch [. . .] in dependencys between him and the Moors, but [a] short time will discover what other reasons may be given, and the Rajahs sincerity and what advantage may be made by that trade.

The peons coming with treasure begg hard, but for fear of making it a Custom have been denyed yet we think they should have some incouragement for so great a trust & with Yoʳ. Honʳ. &cᵃ. permission we shall observe it for the future.

We shall get ready what long Cloth and Sallampores we can for 7bʳ. and desire Yoʳ. orders about washing Betteelaes.

Our Nabob is shamefully returnd from the Ganjam Country without fighting or obliging those Rajahs to pay their rents, he's now at Chickacull surrounded by Ananterauze, the head of at Least 10000 who plunder and destroy the adjacent villages in his sight, his patient suffering makes it generally beleivd he's out of Governmᵗ. and some report that Fuckerlecawn has receiv'd orders from Dawd Cawn for this Country, we most respectively subscribe

VIZAGAPATAM
APRILL 17, 1712.

HONᴮᴸᴱ. Sᴿˢ. &cᴬ.
Yoʳ. most Obedᵗ. humᵇˡᵉ. Servᵗˢ[ˢ].
FRANCIS HASTINGS.
ROBERT CRANWELL.
THOMAS FAUCETT.

N[o]. 78.

To THE HONᴮᴸᴱ. EDWᴰ. HARRISON ESQᴿ.
PRESIDᵀ. AND GOVᴿ. OF FORTS Sᵀ. GEORGE AND Sᵀ. DAVID &cᴬ. COUNCILL.

HONᴮᴸᴱ. Sᴿ. &cᴬ.

Our last to Yoʳ. Honʳ. &cᵃ. was on the 26ᵗʰ. instant which we hope is safe arriv'd.

Since which on the 27ᵗʰ. Mᴿ. Raworth recd a Letter from the Mediator at Ponticherry advising him that he had concluded the treaty with the Moors but givⁿ. 1000 Pagˢ. more then Mʳ. Benyon wou'd ever consent to in consideration of the immunitys they were to grant us, the coppy of which Letter we inclose for Yoʳ. Honʳˢ. &cᵃ. Perusall, and don't doubt if You think Conventᵗ. to ratifie the articles he has sent You, (and our Enimys cease to be ℔fidious that we shall enjoy a Lasting peace).

We hope Mr. Benyon is safe arriv'd with You before now for whom ℔suant to Yor. Orders we sent a ship to call in at Ponticherry and take him aboard in her passage to Madrass, he will when he has the Honr. to see You, be so much abler then we to give You a full accot. of the peace has been taken in the Negotiation, that we shant trouble You any longer about it, but only assure Yor. Honr. &ca. we are

Fort St. David — Honble. Sr. &cA.

Aprill 28, 1712. — Your most Obedient and Obliged humble Servants

Robert Raworth.
Richard Ffarmer.
John Berlu.
Richard Harrison.
Phillip Baker.
Matthew Weld.
Thomas Woodward.

N[o]. 79.

Honble. Sr.

I had the Honr. to write You Yesterday that I was in hopes to make Conclusion of a treaty of peace between the Honble. English Compa. and the Rajah Surrop Sing, we had a great debate upon the same with the Moors, & I though that it would be broken if I did not take upon myself to give something mor then what Mr. Benyon sd. he was impowerd to do, so I have concluded the sd. treaty & it will cost the English Compa. 12000 pags. so its only 1000 pags. more ther Mr. Benyon advis'd me, but indeed after all the pains that I've had and for my Hons. sake I do not doubt by proceeding will be acceptable to every body, I have sent to Govr. Harrison the treaty to be ratified by him and the Councill and the like to the Rajah to the same purpose, now I can rejoyce myself, with Yor. Honr that Yor. Life shall be more quiet and that for ever we shall continue in friendship.

I had advice last night that the Gingi had sent [to] the Avaldar of Porto Nov to intimate him that he would send to the Army all the Merchts. that have furnish the Compa. with Goods and likewise I recd a Letter from Velour Neare Arcate tha the Devan is preparing him to go to St. Thoma and may be to Madrass, if that b true I am mighty Glad the peace is concluded & now from all parts on both sides I hope the suspension will be strictly kept, the Moors have promisd to stand Quiet and that in a very short time they will send to this place the prisoners that are a Gingi & so on Yor. parts, when I must desire You would send back all those tha You have made upon the Moors, I rest with a Great Esteem and veneration fo Yor. Honr. as being

Fort Lewis of Ponticherry — Honble. Sr.

this 8 May 1712. — Yor. most Obedient & most Humble. Serv

[Hebbert.]

N[o]. 80.

To the Honble. Edward Harrison Esqr.
Presidt. & Govr. of Fort St. George &cA. Councill.

Honble. Sr. &cA.

1. On the 30th. I recd the Honr. of Yors. of the 27th. Ulto. and do assure Yor Hon. I never wanted Yor. orders to take what sattisfaction I thought convenien upon the Enemy in case they entered our bounds wch. you have frequently impowerd me to do, and they to the destruction of a great many of 'em are very

sensible of it, but I wanted Yor. ℔mission in case they got out before I could give 'em the due reward of their insolence (as they did t'other day when they fired the houses) to march into their Quarters as I should find convenient oppertunitys, to take my sattisfaction of 'em there, which is a power, You have not thought fitt to give me till now and I shall in case they committ any more acts of hostility take full revenge in such a manner that shall be thought to consist most with the Honr. of the nation and interest of the Company.

2. The treaty at Pondicherry stands still for want of Yor. Approbation of the mediators proceedings wch. I suppose you have sent him, or disapprov'd off before now, thô it's very much my opinion that unless he takes other measures then he now does, he will lay the foundation of a second war thô at presᵗ. he concludes this.

3. For since Yor. Honr. &ca. Approved of my flinging up this new mud Bastion in the So.er[n]most part of our hedge I have work'd very briskly upon it and brought it to such a height that it's fitt for service and design'd in two days more to mount a Couple of Gunns upon it, but contrary to my expectation I recd last night a Letter from the mediator, wrote in a very imperious strain forbidding me to go on with that work, and hinting if I did not I shou'd be esteemd the ℔son who had renderd his labours fruitless the coppy of which with my answer is inclosd by wch. You'll ℔ceive that after having represented to him the ill consequences I think will attend his conseeding to the Enimy in this perticular I have promis'd to gratifie his request.

4. Tho I can't ℔ceive what use it will be to the Honble. Compa. that Surrop Sing and his Officers should in the Articles of peace declare they have no right to these bounds, and that they belonged to our Employers, and at the same time won't ℔mitt us to fortifie 'em, or make what necessary buildings we think convenient upon the ground, and as the finishing an faceing of these point is a work so absolutely necessary, that it must be done one time or another I can't but beleive that whenever we goe about 'em, tho in time of peace the Enemy will lay hold of the oppertunity and break with us again in expectation of another sum̃ of money and I much wonder a man of Mr. Hebberts experience should imagine they would ℔mitt us hereafter to mount our Gunns when they wont now without giving us a great deal of Disturbance.

5. I have wrote Mr. Benyon to the same purpose who I don't doubt is useing all necessary argumᵗ. on the subject in our favour in which he'll I hope be succesfull. I request however Yor. Honrs. &ca. orders how I shall proceed in this matter for I would not give the mediator just occasion to say I was the cause that the treaty was broke off, or Yor. Honrs. &ca. that I gave away the [Company]. The country about us is very quiett nor do I hear any further news of the Death of the Mogull then what You was pleas'd to advise in Yor. Genll. to me and Councill on the 27th.

Ultᵒ. I am

Fort Sr. David

May 2nd, 1712.

Honble, Sr, &cA.

Yor. Obedient humble. Servt.

Robert Raworth.

N[o.] 81

Honble. Sr.

I answer to Yor. Honrs. letter of the 30th. past O.S. Yesterday I recd a message from the Buxee who complains that notwithstanding I had promis'd him to write to You to forbear finishing the new work that you have continued the work and put Gunns upon the same, and think that I am consenting that you go against the rules of a negotiation near it's conclusion, truly You could have kept Yor. Gunns near the work and nobody can approve You in that, moreover that You should have some consideration for me who has taken so much pains to render You service and when we are in hopes to a peace that You would contribute to a new rupture so it [is]

necessary that You would be pleasd to order the Guns may be put down and remain thus till we see no probability to a peace, Mr. Benyon is of my mind and is perswaded that I can't be contented with any such disturbance, which would put me in a necessity to break any farther correspondence about the compa. affairs for which as Yet I have had so many displeasures. I rest and remain

FORT LEWIS OF PONDICHERRY.
THIS 18 MAY 1712.

HONBLE. SR.
Yor. most humble. & Obedt. Servt.
[HEBBERT.]

N[o]. 82.

HONBLE. SR.

I just now recd Yor. Honrs. of the 12th. inst. which acquaints me the Buxee has been again interfearing with my business and complaining to Yor. Honr. that I have mounted a Gun on a new Bullwark which had I done I think it justifiable and no ways against the Rules of a negotiation since as before I wrote Yor. Honr. I have not incroach'd 1 inch on their Ground for am I responsible to any body but ye. Govr. of Fort St. George for what I do within our hedge, and as these works must be compleated one time or other I begg of Yor. Honr. to consider what a peace will signifie if when we go about it we must have a fresh rupture, or how the English can pretend to call this ground their own if they can't make what buildings they think convent. upon it for it's security against the insults of a perfidious Enemy.

The Reasons had I mounted a Gun would I hope have justified the action, but I assure Yor. Honr. You're misinform'd for there is not one within two miles of the Bullwark nor shall any be brought nearer, till all differences are concluded for I am [s]o sensible of the trouble Yor. Honr. has had to adjust 'em, to do any thing that shall rendr. Yor. labours fruitless and I heartily wish the Enemys may have the same intentions, for I intirely love peace and never design to make warr again but when I am justly provok'd and the Honr. of my Nation calls me out to defend it, I am

FORT STr. DAVID
MAY 1, 1712.

HONBLE. SR.
Yor. most Obedt. Servt.
ROBERT RAWORTH.

N[o]. 83.

TO THE HONBLE. EDWARD HARRISON ESQR.
PRESIDT. & GOVR. OF FORT ST. GEORGE &Ca. COUNCILL.

HONBLE. SR.

1. On the 30th. we recd Yor. Honrs. of the 27 Ulto. but had before serv'd Yor. order on Mr. Phillip Baker who has ever since been very busy about settling his affairs that he may be ready to imbark without delay upon whatever Expedition You may think convent. to send him, on his arrivall at Madrass for which place he will set out from hence in four days at farthest.

2. We who reside at Cuddalore are abundantly [more] surpriz'd at what Capt. Herron reported then we were when the Enemy fired the town which is hard by, for we don't know that were in any consternation then on Military Officers neither those whose stations were to be upon the points appearing brisk and lively and the Officer that commanded the pickett marching out wth. all expedition to face the Enemy as soon as ever he understood where they were which we suppose will be sufficient to convince Yor. Honr. &ca. that we have more resolution then what has been represented to You and we shall for the future be sure to observe Yor. Directions & destroy as many of the Enemy as possible if they offer to insult us in the same manner again whilst both partys are agreed to a suspension of armes.

3. Mr. Raworth tells us that he is in daily expectation of the arrivall of the prisoners from Chingee and the peace so near a Conclusion that the articles between both partys were all most too, and wanted little more then the Rattification of Yor. Honr. &ca. and Surrop Sing, so that we hope it won't be long before this Country enjoys tranquillity again and be no more interupted by such wars as this we have lately been ingaged in.

4. We hear no more ℔ticular news of the Duan then that he continues his march towards Tandore but about 8 days ago there came Peer Jodda Zaide to Porto Novo with 10 horse & 200 foot to view some Elephants of his that were there and lattely arrivd from Cudda, who first of all seizd the Merchts. belong'd to that place and Chawbuck'd 'em very severely but not content with that, he sent for the Cheif of 'em and broke his scull with a truncheon, upon his proceeding in this extraordinary manner the Phousdar went to interceed in behalf of his inhabitants, but got no better treatmt. himself and after having been severely punished fled with all the rest to Chillumbrum, that the town remaind upwd. of 3 days without a phousdar, when the forementionn'd Zaid returnd to the Duan, and then he with his people came back again to their Habitations, this we understand is the same fellow that Govern'd St. Thoma in Mr. Frasers time & Gave him so much trouble.

5. The Enemy have for these two days been very quiett, and we hope will give us no further molestation which is all we have to advise You of at prest. we are

Fort Sr. David
May 5, 1712.

Honble. Sr.
Yor. Obedt. Humble. Servts.
Robert Raworth.
Richard ffarmer.
Jno. Berlu.
Richard Harrison.
Phillip Baker.
Matthew Weld.
Thomas Woodward.

No. 84.

To the Honble. Edwd. Harrison Esqr.
Presidt. for the United Affairs of the
Honble. English East India Company on
the Coast of Choromandell &cs. Councill
at Fort St. George.

[Honble. Sr. &ca.]

We wrote Yor. Honr. &ca. by the Leopard which the accompanying is a Coppy of and as You will observe we advised then in that [Auzmadeen was the likely prince to gain the day] from the rest of the Brothers but letters soon after have confirmd the fall of that prince by being cut off by the other three Brothers who were join'd in a strict & Solemn alliance against him and upon his fall the Empire to be divided to the Survivers, as from Callcull to Guzzaratt inclusive to the Eldest, the Kingdom of Golcondah & Vizapore in Decan to the next or third son and that of Bengall to the 4th. or Youngest, but upon the Overthrow of Auzmadeen, the 2 Youngest pretending to a Division of the Treasure & Jewells of their Father and Brothers which being not consented to by the Eldest, occasiond so great a breach in that alliance that they divided themselves and fought one against the other, till they all fell as it has been reported but some say that the 3rd. Son, survives, others the Youngest, when these matters are confirm'd You shall be advis'd off it.

The 2nd. instant the Dolben and Severn arriv'd ys. port and brought the Good news of the Litchfeilds, Mountagues, and Heathcotts safety, the Recovery from China, and Mr. Bennett in Compa. with 'em, that they had saild from Carrawar 10 days before they arrivd there, and for these 5 or 6 days we have had a report of their arrivall at Bombay but not a sillable of it hitherto from the Gentlemen there.

Yor. Presidency has the creditt of Rups. 722. [4 . . .] in our books as ℔ inclos'd Accot. for which we desire you will draw Yor. bill on us and it shall be comply[ed with] which are the present tenders from,

Surratt Aprill 9th. 1712.

Yor. Honrs. &ca.
most humble. Servts.
William Proby.
E. Bendall.
B. Wytch.
Thos. Willtshere.

P.S.
Since the close of the foregoing arriv'd here the Josia Mr. Bennett Supr. Cargoe who confirms what the Dolben and Severn brought of the Litchfeilds, Mountague[s Heathcotts safe] arrivall at Carwarr.

No. 85.

To the Honble. Edwd. Harrison Esqr.
Presidt. & Govr. of Fort St. George &ca. Council.

Honble. Sr. &ca.

I was Hond. with one from You of the 6th. inst. in answer to mine of the 2nd. which gives me a great deal of Satisfaction since You approve of my Behaviour to Mr. Hebbert when he would have prevaild with me to consent that we had no authority to build on our own Ground, or fortify our bound at Discretion, & I will according to Yor. orders maintain the Honble. Compa. Perogative whenever the moors or any body else shall offer to infringe upon it being

Fort St. David
May 12, 1712.

Honble. Sr. &ca.
Yor. Obedt. Humble. Servt.
Robert Raworth.

No. 86.

To the Honble. Edwd. Harrison Esqr.
Presidt. & Govr. of Fort St. George &ca. Council.

Honble. Sr.

1. Our last to Yor. Honr. &ca. was on the 5th. inst. since which on the 9th. we recd yors. of the 6th.

2. We hope before this Yor. Honr. &ca. have effected the work You had in hand and prevaild with Yor. Merchts. to disengage ours from their ruinous bargain of broad cloth, which as Yor. Honr. &ca. very rightly observe has together with the troubles (which for this year past have surrounded Us) been the cause of their not complying with their contract which we don't in the least doubt but they will now very speedily.

3. We shall neglect no oppertunity of sending Bales to Y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. as long as the coast is clear & [did not stop] it before because Yo^r^. order (since You last forbid us sending any) related only to Sallampores & Long Cloth ordinary.

4. As soon as possible we can we will collect the money due from the ℔sons mentiond in Yo^r^. List to the Warehouse and pay it into Cash here, when we will advise You of it and now we are talking on that subject we can't omitt advising You that we have no more remain^g^. now then ten pagodas tho we are indebted to our Soldiers and Serv^ts^. their whole pay for the m^o^. of Aprill.

5. M^r^. Augustus Burton is preparing to Embark for Fort S^t^. George according to Yo^r^. order, but we fear he won't be able to embark by the first oppertunity that presents because ever since the Decease of M^r^. Henry Cottrell he has had the Charge of the Stores & it will take up some time to clear all those Acco^ts^. thô we wish Yo^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. would be pleasd to continue him here for he is very usefull upon a Great many occasions ℔ticularly to the Accomptant who is now very busy in ballancing the Books & without his assistance will have a very troublesome task of it, besides when he has compleated 'em we shall want one that writes as good a hand as he to copy em over for Fort S^t^. George.

6. M^r^. Phillip Baker promisd us to leave this place precisely on the 8^th^. ins^t^. but when that time came he found he had not compleated his business & desired our ℔mission to stay till this day and now he tells us he is ready to embark but has fatigued himself so much about settling his affairs that it has flung him into a Fever and desires We will grant him leave to stay 2 days longer to refresh himself when he assures us nothing but death shall prevent his setting out in order to pay his respects to You.

7. The Yatch is not arriv'd with the stores You were pleas'd to send us on her, & we shall expect y^e^. Gunneys &c^a^. according to Yo^r^. promise whenever a better conveyance offers.

8. Our Enemys remain mighty Quiett nor have we a prospect now of any thing but peace & have for these days past been in expectation to hear of the prisoners arrivall at Ponticherry but they are not yet come thô M^r^. Benyon advises the Dep^ty^. Gov^r^. that he expects y^m^. there to morrow when he designs to bring 'em hither himself and so open the passage for our people by land betwixt this place and Fort S^t^. George as usuall.

9. We thank Yo^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. for the news You have been pleas'd to impart to us of the Revolutions at Court which we don't in the least doubt we shall have a very good interest since Zulphakur, Dawd, and Zoody Cawns, are the principle favourites with the new Emperour.

10. We wish success to the Hon^ble^. Comp^a^. affairs und^r^. Yo^r^. Directions and are

FORT S^T^. DAVID
MAY 12, 1712.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.
Yo^r^. Obed^t^. Hum^ble^. Serv^ts^.
ROBERT RAWORTH.
RICHARD FARMER.
JOHN BERLU.
RICHARD HARRISON.
PHILLIP BAKER.
MATTHEW WELD.
THOMAS WOODWARD.

No. 87.

To the Honble. Edwd. Harrison Esqr.
Presidt. & Govr. for Affairs of the Rt. Honble. United English East India Compa. &ca. Council in Fort St. George.

Honble. Sr. &ca.

Our last was ye. 17th. last month and we must begg pardon for omitting therein to mention rect. of box V containing 7580 new Madrass pago. ℔ Country boat with Your [letter of the 19th. March which came to hand the 25 tho] the 27th. Mr. Hastings acknowledg'd the receipt in a ℔ticular letter to the Honble. Govr.

The 24th. Ulto. we were favoured with Yor. of the 19th. relating to the musters sent by the Munchu and we must own that of Gingham sheets was so ordry. that we would not have sent it but that the Merchts. promisd to make wt. we might contract for according to our Madepollam muster and that ordry. peice was brought with em by chance.

We beleive an abatemt. for 'em the Izarees and fine Long Cloth and Sallampores may be made & if Yor. Honr. &ca. are dispos'd to have any of those goods please to send Yor. orders, with the prises You are willing to give.

The strip'd Betteela is that peice Mr. Cranwell returnd in the room of that sent hither darn'd its according to our old musters.

We shall have ready in a few days about 30 bales of Sallampores & 8 of Betteelaes to clear with the Merchte. last years Accot. & Cunshem Lingana waits only the Rajah's army removing from Ananterauzes Country to go and provide Goods there for the new investmt. wch. is allready begun at Ingerom where we have reason to hope for good success, by Mr. Faucetts letter from thence, coppy whereof comes inclos'd, we most respectfully subscribe

Vizagapatam
May 6, 1712.

Honble. Sr.
Yor. most Obedt. Humble. Servts.
Francis Hastings.
Robt. Cranwell.

No. 88.

To the Honble. Edwd. Harrison Esqr.
Presidt. & Govr. of Fort St. George &ca. Council.

Honble. Sr. &ca.

1. Our last to Yor. Honr. &ca. was on the 12th. inst. & Yesterday we recd Yors. [of the 10th. with coppy of one You sent by a] Mosula of the 8th. the Originall of which is not arrivd [Yet] with the 6000 Pags. sent with it which when we receive it shall be employed for the use You intend it & remitted by the safest way to Ponticherry, as soon as Mr. Benyon advise us the Enemy have ℔formd what they have obliged themselves to do in consideration of that sum and we thank Yor. Honr. &ca. for Yor. promise of replenishing our cash by another conveyance for we are at prest. very poor & as we lately advised You indebted to our Servts. for their last mos. wages.

2. Our last will inform Yor. Honr. &ca. why M[r]. Baker did not set out so soon as he promis'd, but now conformable to what we then wrote You, he comes herewith on his own boat, tho he is not recoverd of his illness but we hope the change of air will have so good an effect upon him, that he will not only be capable to receive Yor. instructions but have health enough to execute them with vigour, & put all the Hon b. Settlemts. on ye. West Coast of Sumatra into so good order that You'll have no occasion to supr.vise 'em so often as they lately have been.

3. We hope our behaviour has shown that Wee are not to learn it is our Hon^ble. Masters ord^rs. & intent that their Serv^ts in. Gen^ll. should appear in all places of danger in vindication of their estates & our meaning was literall when we advised that those whose stations were to be upon the points appeard brisk and lively for whilst we have Bastions and walls there must allways be a party ℔ticularly appropriated for the defence of 'em, whilst the rest of our men are in the feild using their utmost endeavours to prevent them to near approach too, or entring our bounds.

4. Gunner Hugonin & the Madrass party is ready to depart hence in an hours warning whenever you shall think conveni^t. to comand 'em away tho we hope Yo^r. Hon^r.[. . .] occasion for 'em [. . .] it will be an inexpre[ssible] Misfortune to the Hon^ble. Comp^a. to have the most flourishing of their settlem^ts. in India engaged in[awar] and if the Duan has any real intent to give you[trouble] it's not improbable but he may make us a visitt as [he] passes by, which induces us to request Yo^r. orders how [we] shall behave ourselves to him, in case such a thing should happen, or if he desires it, whether we shall ℔mitt him to pass with his forces through our bound which we with submission to Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. Judgm^t. are of opinion ought not to be suffred since it would be no loss of time for him to take another road, w^th.out and therefore we think he cant desire to enter w^th. his whole army unless it is upon some ℔fidious design which we shall endeavour to subvert if possible.

5. We thank Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. for the news You have been pleas'd to impart to us, we heard the same by y^e. Prosperous and are glad to hear, that all the Comp^a. Ships from Europe are arriv'd safe at Bombay.

6. We live very quiet, but hear nothing more of the treaty, or Prisoners, then what mention'd in our form^r. tho M^r. Benyon continues still in daily expectation of em at Ponticherry & to be sure will advise us when they arrive there which we want mightily to be informd off, that our differences may be firmly composd.

7. M^r. John Calvert one of the Gentlemen of Councill in Bengall came ashore here from the King Ibrahim in her passage from the Moldeva's in ord^r. to recov^r. his health but pind away till the 12^th. ins^t. at night & then expired, his affairs are at pres^t. under the care of M^r. Edw^d. Ange his assistant but we dont hear he has left any will behind him & therefore request Yo^r. Directions whether or no (conformable to the Hon^ble. Comp^a. order relating to the Estates of intestates) our paymaster shall take charge of em, we are

FORT S^T. DAVID
MAY 14, 1712.

HON^BLE. S^R. &C^A.
Yo^r. Obed^t. Hum^ble. Serv^ts.

ROB^T. RAWORTH.
RI: FARMER.
JN^O. BERLU.
RICH^D. HARRISON.
PHILLIP BAKER.
MATTHEW WELD.
THO^S. WOODWARD.

No. 89.

TO THE HON^BLE. EDW^D. HARRISON ESQ^R.
PRESID^T. & GOV^R. OF FORT S^T. GEORGE &C^A. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE. S^R. &C^A.

M^r. Bakers boat being still in the Road we would not omitt the oppertunity to advise Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. y^t. early this morning imported Yo^r. Mosoola, with the chest q^t. 6000 Pag^s. under the charge of four peons, which as we wrote You in ours of Yesterdays date shall be kept here till M^r. Benyon demands it from us.

The Buxee is not yet arriv'd from Chingee & God knows whether He'll bring the Olive Branch when he does, for Moubert Cawne who is a ℔son very inveterate & close in his designs (tho he carrys it outwardly very amicably to him) yet has struck insincerely with Laula Beerza who remembering the Disservice he did him when the treaty was under his managem^{t}. endeavours what possible he can to make all he has done void, we beleive in part to sattisfye his revenge, but more his Avaritious inclinations.

We have heard abundance of Gunns fired today at Ponticherry but for what reason we don't hear tho we hope, it is for the arrivall of the Buxee, with the Prisoners and the ratifications of what he has done not the Arrivall of any ships from Europe. We are

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
MAY 15, 1712.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}.
Yo^{r}. most Obed^{t}. Hum^{ble}. [Serv^{ts}.]

ROB^{T}. RAWORTH.
RI: FARMER.
JOHN BERLU.
RICH^{D}. HARRISON.
MATTHEW WELD.
THO^{S}. WOODWARD.

No. 90.

TO THE HON^{BLE}. EDW^{D}. HARRISON ESQ^{R}.
PRESID^{T}. & GOV^{R}. OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE &C^{A}. COUNCILL.

HON^{BLE}. &C^{A}. S^{R}.

The miserable condition to what the R^{t}. Hon^{ble}. Company's Affairs are reduced to in all their settlem^{ts}. on this West Coast of Sumatra has oblig'd me to write this Letter to Yo. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. Councill with no little concerne that You should have reason to complain of our being remiss here in sending advices by all ships for I do assure Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. 'tis wh[at] I have pressd the decd Gov^{r}. Ettrick to do to the utmost I handsomly could but he allways reply'd it was no matter since he hourly expected one of the Comp^{as}. Ships here who by the speedy dispatch he would give would arrive Madrass before any trading ships that came here could possibly expect.

Jeremiah Harrison & Cap^{t}. Rich^{d}. Phripp who arrivd here in May 1710 with a Comission from the Hon^{ble}. Presid^{t}. and Councill of Madrass as Sup^{r}.Visors during their short stay seemingly settled all those disturbances & confusions which they found among the Natives, both at this place and Bantall to the Great Sattisfaction of every body sev^{ll}. new plantatio[n]s were begun near this ffort and within 300 Y^{ds}. of Bantell were 2 new pepp^{r}. Ladongs and that commodity y^{e}. Country People brought in faster then has been known for many years before, but these Gentlemen had scarce been gone 5 M^{os}. ere the Malays (from the W^{o}.ermost Settlem^{t}. Manduta to the S^{o}. ermost Sillabar) grew very troublesome as Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. will se[e] more perticularly in after paragraphs & the Letters recd and sent since March last by which I presume You'll have some reason to beleive the Dutch are the Fomenters of all these troubles, which have for so many Years been so[intollerable . . .] R^{t}. Hon^{ble}. Company.

The Daily advices of the troubles at the N^{o}. w^{d}. in March last required some consideration what was best to be done (if possible) to remedy them, there was there only the Dep^{ty}. Gov^{r}. & myself of Councill here Mess^{rs}. Thom^{s}. Kingsley and Samuell Stotherd were suspended the Councill the preceeding month for the Reason Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. will find in that days Consultation and M^{r}. Douglass Youngest in Councill was gone on sloop Recovery to Battavia to purchase some stores much wanted in this Garrison. The first Consultation we had relating to those troubles

Gov^{r}. Ettrick declar'd many things against Pangran Jangallo of Sillebar ℔ticularly that he allways opposd the Comp^{a}. Quiet in stopping their pepper that came down his river (which indeed the other Pangrans had in my hearing made sev^{ll}. Complaints off) & considering how the face of affairs then lookd he a great Friend to Rajah Maccootas interest and formerly in esteem among y^{e}. Dutch he thought it convent^{t}. to call the s^{d}. Pangran to an acco^{t}. by a handsome confinem^{t}. which I agreed to but the Action in this affair was quite contrary to what Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. will find agreed in Consultation, for no sooner the Pangarã entred the back Gate but he orderd the Soldiers to fire upon him and his people (to my great surprize) which was accordingly put in execution the Pangaran with his head Dep^{ty}. and sev^{ll}. Others killd, and his brother is now a prisoner in the Fort, this obliged us for security of our Hon^{ble}. Masters affairs to reduce his Dusan, which in a short time was accomplish'd and his country divided to Pangaran Juntinelly and Raja Calippa (the Dusan or town) only exempted which has been kept till about one month past at a Considerable monthly charge to the Comp^{a}. and no profit therefrom, this with the extraordinary expence of arrack &c^{a}. given to the Soldiers (alltogether against my consent) when the Dusan was beseigd as Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. will see by my paym^{rs}. acco^{t}. [. . .] the Charges of the [. . .] there is much pepper lately come in at Sillebar but if y^{e}. Action had been orderd as agreed on at the board I presume the [natives] had been better sattisfied and so consequently more pepper come in without all that Expence to the R^{t}. Hon^{ble}. Company.

About three months after this hapned a Portugueze Ship Arriv'd in the road from Lisbon to Moccow but the wind being S^{o}. erly and wanting provisions could not proceed the Dep^{ty}. Gov^{r}. having continuall advices of the troubles increasing to the N^{o}.ward, the last since the Ships arrivall which was the Loss of Manduta paggar taken by Rajah Selliman there was about 40 Bahar of pepper severall peices of Ordinance &c^{a}. Ammunition One English Serg^{t}. 23 Buggass Soldiers all under the Command of M^{r}. Dav^{d}. Evans Resid^{t}. who dd. up the paggar without any resistance for which he was suspended the R^{t}. Hon^{ble}. Comp^{a}. Service & sev^{ll}. Complaints of ill managem^{t}. on our side, & the Com^{r}. offering the Service of his Ship & men to go down there, y^{e}. Dep^{ty}. Gov^{r}. embark'd the 12th. 7^{br}. last accompanyd with M^{r}. Griffith and M^{r}. White and 20 Soldiers (the charge of the Garrison then involvd on me) and landed safe at Bantall where the Dep^{ty}. Gov^{r}. found matters very miserab in y^{e}. Country Governm^{t}. and nothing to be done by fair means so marchd against Rajah Cellimen (who was strongly entrench'd at Moco Mocoo,) with a good body of men but the weather proving bad with treacherys and Disapointm^{ts}. the whole time he was out he was obliged to raise the seige nail up 4 p^{s}. of Ordnance left some ammunition behind and return'd in great confusion, with the loss of sev^{ll}. men, both he and M^{r}. Griffith came home sick and died in a very short time after their arrivall. Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. will have a perticular acco^{t}. of this and all other proceedings by the first Ship bound on the Comp^{a}. Acco^{t}. for Yo^{r}. port.

The Buggeeze Soldiers both here and at Bentall have ever since [. . .] the Sup^{r}. Visors departure been very false & impudent which has given no incouragement to the Natives to act as they now do at Bantall for when they could no otherways avoid our [. . .] in taking Rajah Maccoota at Dusan Eassee the[y] told the Chief and Councill they were all of Raja Maccoota's interest & would not fight against him.

Upon the Death of M^{r}. Ettrick I open'd the Consultation Room and took an Acco^{t}. of the R^{t}. Hon^{ble}. Comp^{a}. Cash in presence of all the Comp^{a}. Serv^{ts}. here amounting to $ $\frac{8}{8}$ 5588. 3. 2 which found Differ from the Ball^{ce}. that out [*sic*] to have remained by his Cash book 9941 & odd [. . .] for which his Estate now stands indebted and hope will answer having ℔ Ord^{r}. of Consultation put up all his Effects at publick outcry the amo^{t}. of which shall not want to se[e] paid into the R^{t}. Hon^{ble}. Comp^{a}. Cash.

On the 14 9^{br}. last arrived here the present Gov^{r}. M^{r}. John Daniell who was receiv'd with the usual respect. I dd. him the Ball^{a}. of the Cash in my hands in presence of the Comp^{a}. Serv^{ts}. who were all sworne to the truth thereof.

Our Accountant and his assistant Mr. Ettrick took with him to Bantall for want of whom our monthly accots. have been very much behind hand & now are pretty well accomplishd & our Genll. books for this Year goe forward as fast as possible, they were not begun in Mr. Ettricks life time but now Mr. White who has the charge of them promises his Endeavours shall not be wanting.

The Ships Toddinton and Thistleworth with those dispatchd by Yor. Honr. &ca. arriv'd us very seasonably for the affairs of this Coast have for some time wanted such a sight, there are now no more then two Compa. Servts. at Bantall, tho the business with the natives are far more intricate then here especially at this time for Sultan Guilleman has stop'd the passage to the [No. ward] Rajah Celliman to the So. wd. they dare not assault the place but tis to be feard they will reduce [it by want . . .] there being at this juncture [. . .] I am to write Yor. Honr. &ca. this accot. but there is no remedy but the speedy dispatch of one of the above sd. [Ships] which please to let me assure You (Gentlemen) nothing shall be wanting on my side and could heartily [wish] for the arrivall of the Deptv. Govr. for our assistance here [is] very small.

Yor. Honr. &ca. will find my paymas. Accot. in 7 br. 8th. to amot. high, the reason is I paid all the Expences & Accots. that the Cashiere ought to have done, & hope Yor. Honr. &ca. will beleive me whenever I found anything in my powr. to retrench. I allways did it with the utmost integrity to my Mars. and 'tis my opinion that abundance of Expences might be handsomely avoided by care and industry which I have more then once represented to the Deceas'd Deptv. Govr.

Messrs. Stotherd and Kingsley are very much indebted to the Rt. Honble. Compa. but so miserably poor they are not capable of making the least restitution. I presume they with Mr. Evans will wait upon Yor. Honr. &ca. by first good Conveyance if Yor. orders to the contrary don't arrive before one offers.

Our Deptv. Govr. at prest. is much indispos'd & sometimes non Compos mentis and fearing little or no advices from him makes me take the liberty (since the Compa. business here will not ℔mitt me to wait on You myself) to Give the best Accot. I can of the affairs of this place hopeing it may in some measure meet Yor. Honrs. &ca. approbation & be a small light into the present state of these Settlements, which is the whole designe intended by me as a well wisher to my Honble. Masters and the Respect due to Yor. Honr. &ca. Councill.

York ffort Janry. 8, 1711[12]
from ye. Ship Oxford Capt.
Henry Wyatt.

Honble. Sr. &ca.
Yor. most Obedient Humble Servant
[John Hunter].

No. 91.

To the Honble. Edwd. Harrison Esqre.
Presidt. & Govr. for Affairs of the Rt. Honble. English East India Compa. &ca. Councill of Fort St. George.

Honble. Sr. &ca.

This accompanys a packet from Bengall just now recd. with a Genll. Lett dated the 20th. March & one from Mr. Acton at Ballasore of the 30 who has lodg'd another pa[ir] of Cossids at Ganjam to return with our answer.

Govr. Russell &ca. confirmes the news of King Shawallums death which hapned the 16th. of ffebry. at 3 in the affternoon as ℔ a ℔ticular Accot. from Pallisa dated March the 7th.

Our Nabob is glad to secure himself in Chicakull [from] being dispisd by his people and forsaken by Fu[ckerle] Cawne who is joind with Ananterauze which [makes] the Rajahs power so great that they will controul the Country till a new Nabob comes with a great army to subject 'em which is not likely to happen [until] the Quarrells between the King's Sons are over.

We hope this Change in Government will be for the Companys advantage, if Fuckerle Cawne & Anantarauze continue their ffriendship of [which] we have no reason to doubt.

This with coppy of our last and our most humble. Respects is the present needfull from

VIZAGAPATAM
MAY 9, 1712.

HONBLE. SR. &CA.
Yor. most Obedt. Humble. [Servants]
FRANCIS HASTINGS.
ROBERT CRANWELL.

No. 92

HONBLE. SR.

My last to Yor. Honr. was by the Toddinton Capt. Thos. Blow wherein gave You the best Accot. I could of the condition of these settlements, the Compas. Affairs being now rather worse then better especially at Bantall as allso the unaccountable action of the Malays in ys. place has obliged me to trouble Yor. Honr. by this Conveyance *via* Battavia and endeavourd all I coud to have a Genll. Letter wrote but to no purpose therefore take ye. Liberty to informe Yor. Honr. of what has since occurd.

Whilst the Ship Thistleworth was taking in her Pepper at Bantall, Ippue &ca. all those places were very quiet and the natives assisted all they could with their boats so that she soon took in what there & unexpectedly arriv'd here without any Letter, Invoice or bill of Lading &ca. papers, being dispatchd by Mr.[. . . .] one of the Councill then at Ippue no accots. being read[y] to send with her, and indeed it fell out Luckily since the bad weather for some time before prevented lading goods time enongh to go for Europe by the 31st. Ja[nuary] according to Charterparty agreemt. but by a Diligt. application she saild hence the 5th. inst. and hope she may meet the Dutch ffleet at the Cape having according to Yor. Honr. &ca. orders protested against the Coms. going to Battavia, coppy of which with abstract of her Invo. & Bill of Lading come inclos'd.

The Day before the ship saild arrivd a packett from Bantall with a parcell of imperfect Accots. which were no ways fitting to prest. to our Rt. Honble. Mars. but those of this place with all materiall papers have sent for their perusall all which am in great hopes will in some measure be [. . .] off since I dont know [. . .] any wanting.

I am sorry my Letters will afford nothing but a malancholly Accot. for since my last a surprising business hapned, the Malays endeavouring to cut the China men off about 6 in the Evening when they were at Suppr. and accordingly placed themselves at every China mans door & entred their Houses, kill'd 3 & wounded one, had it not been that 3 or 4 of our people who were amongst 'em and drove 'em killing one, they had compleated their designe, the advices from Bantall give a more dismall story for they write the natives are actually intended to destroy the No.ern settlemts. but for what reason we are yet to learn any further then what wrote Yor. Honr. in my last which seems since to be further Confirmd the Cheif and Councill by their report having seen severall Dutch Vessells plying off and on thereabouts, and at present there can be [spared] no greater releif then what agreed on this day for Mr. Ridley to proceed for Bantall to whom we have given a power to Beechera with the Natives being well assured that most little Quarrells and uneasiness are occasion'd by the ill managemt. of the Cheif & Councill at prest. there and we hope as he is well acquainted with the Constitution of those people as allso the help of our instructions he will compleat all those disturbances before his returne hither, nevertheless I hope Your Honr. will think of some speedy releif for the Coast was never in greater need then now [which I] presume Yor. Honr. is not unacquainted with be[fore] this and conceiving it may be some guide to Yor. Honrs. intentions here inclose a List of all Europeans in this place, which at present is very low.

The Buggezes Dattoes &c^{a}, are very much dissaffected to the R^{t}. Hon^{ble}. Comp^{a}. Interest which my endeavours shall not be wanting to reconcile but if it can [. . .] doubt not still the place will hold it out tho our works are very wide and irregular and a very few men to manage them, I buy in all the provisions can be procur'd and please to assure Yo^{r}. Self S^{r}. the utmost of my endeavours shall not be wanting to retrench all manner of expences that possibly can.

\$ Sw.

The Ball^{a}. of the R^{t}. Hon^{ble}. Comp^{a}. Cash this day is 4377 3 which shall not want the utmost frugality in y^{e}. Expence thereof and were these troubles once at an end the ch^{a}. of this coast might come within a small matt^{r}. of the sum limited M^{r}. Collett, in the Comp^{a}. instructions to him I find in s^{d}. instructions they depend upon a large q^{t}. of Ophium to be vended on this Coast and have accordingly wrote the Gentlemen in the Bay to provide us therewith, but I assure You here and Bantall will not take off above 3 Chests a Year, & if more is sent it will be spoild on our hands and to this purpose we have wrote the R^{t}. Hon^{ble}. Comp^{a}. in our Gen^{ll}. by the Thistleworth, Bale Goods sell to a good advantage and at pres^{t}. scarce any remaining in the Warehouse, so crave a supply ℔ first Conveyance, there is salt petre and redd wood enough for the next Years Tonnage, and Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. will not fail of our Gen^{ll}. Books when a Conveyance offers directly for Yo^{r}. port in the interim begg leave to assure Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. once more of my Endeavours for the Interest of my R^{t}. Hon^{ble}. Employers, and subscribe myself with due Respect

YORK FORT.
FEB^{RY}. 8, 1712.

Yo^{R}. HON^{RS}.
most Obed^{t}. Hum^{ble}. Serv^{t}.
JOHN HUNTER.

N[o]. 93.

TO THE HON^{BLE}. EDWARD HARRISON ESQ^{R}.
GOVERN^{R}. OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE & PRESID^{T}.
FOR AFFAIRS OF THE HON^{BLE}. UNITED COMP^{A}. OF
MERCH^{TS}. OF ENGLAND TRADING TO THE EAST
INDIES &C^{A}. COUNCILL OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.

Herewith comes coppy of what wrote You ℔ Ship Derby of the 1st. ins^{t}. who was dispatchd hence the 6th. D^{o}. to Yo^{r}. port as allso coppy of what wrote You last ℔ Bengall Merchant of the 13th. currant advising of the Receipt of Yours of the 20th. ffeb^{ry}. ℔ a ffrench Sloop with coppys of Yours of y^{e}. 16th. Dece^{r}. & 15 Jan^{ry}. the fform^{r}. of which we advised You in ours of the 24 Jan^{ry}. Your secretary had omitted sending us to which we shall now answer.

We observe when You wrote that Lett^{r}. that none of ours since that by the Avarilla is come to Yo^{r}. hands but do hope by this time You have heard from us having wrote you by the President, S^{t}. Andrew, Darby, Overland & ℔ y^{e}. Bengall Merch^{t}.

Do note that the unexpected rains at Fort S^{t}. Davids hindred the Washers in curing the cloth which occasiond the Avarilla not to be dispatch'd before the 18 Jan^{ry}. however if she meets with no misfortune we are of Opinion she may be time enough to reach the Dutch ffleet.

We observe what You write about the S^{t}. Malo Ships & their prizes and are glad to hear that then they had done no more mischeif, do allso observe Yo^{r}. Advices of the 4 large Dutch Ships being ffitted out and cruizing off Conimere & other places, do hope they will hinder any farther mischief done on Yo^{r}. Coast, we ℔ceive what Yo^{r}. Opinions are in relation to those ffrench Ships on the Mallabar Coast which are very probab. but do hope they will meet with a sufficient lading in Mocho for 'em all which may prevent any of 'em[com]ing this way again, we are likewise glad to

hear that those Ships in Canton and Amoy will returne directly to Peru so that we need not fear any mischeif from 'em on this coast, and do hope the 4 Expected Ships in China the next season may allso return directly from thence.

We are glad to hear that the Litchfeild and Mountague were safe at Collombo and do hope they may arrive in safety at the ports they are bound to.

We recd the enclosed Letters You mentiond in Yo^{rs}. two of which being from the Buxee of Yo^{r}. place to Zulphakur Cawn & one from the Bishop of S^{t}. Thoma to a portugueze Christian woman who was King Shaw Allums nurse, they had been forwarded with our present, had we not heard of the Death of the King but they remain by us for Yo^{r}. farther Directions.

We do again send you coppy of Mess^{rs}. Pattle and ffranklands Letter to us.

We were very much surprizd & concernd when we heard y^{e}. Darby was dispatchd and the Rice not shipd on board her Yo^{r}. advices of Yo^{r}. great want of grain on Yo^{r}. Coast did not arrive us till the 23^{d}. ffeb^{ry}. at which time we immediately sent down the River to Punjella and orderd 4000 m^{d}. to be got ready which was weighed and sent off from thence in boats in ord^{r}. to proceed to Rangafoola where the ship lay, then a storm arose which occasiond one of the boats with 1400 m^{d}. to sink to the Bottom so that not any was saved, the rest escaped and proceeded as farr as Rangafoola River but y^{e}. weather continuing so bad was not able with any safety to go on board, we are not unsensible that the want of this grain will be a great disapointm^{t}. to You & do assure it has very much troubled us, the reason why at first we intended not to lade any rice on the Darby nor did not send You any by the Presid^{t}. or any country ship was, y^{e}. grain has been very dear & is likely to be as scarce & dear as it was last Year the like of which has not been known in Bengall before & Yo^{r}. Gov^{r}. advising ours in his of the 8th. 9b^{r}. that you had plenty of rain and a likelyhood of a very good crop and You did not in any of Yo^{r}. Letters press for grain till that we recd. all most the latter end of February. Otherwise notwithstanding the great scarcity here we should have supplyd You largely, the Bengall Merch^{t}. is lately gone from hence for Yo^{r}. port who has 4500 m^{d}. on board which hope may be some help to You, she going out late it may be probable she may touch at Fort S^{t}. David and in case she does the Gentlemen concernd has given Y^{e}. ma^{r}. orders to deliver the Dep^{ty}. Gov^{r}. what part of his grain he shall have occasion for in case they are in great necessity taking his bills on Gov^{r}. Harrison for the same.

On the S^{t}. Andrew M^{r}. Josiah Chittee went up to Yo^{r}. place and in our to You by said ship we advis'd what he had made over to us tow^{d}. the paym^{t}. of his debts due to sev^{ll}. persons in Bengall w^{ch}. desire You would take ꝑticular care of, we do beleive he is indebted to sev^{ll}. people here to the amo^{t}. of 80 odd thousand Rup^{s}. out of which sum there is 36000 due to a Pattna Shroff who is a great man and if not paid will occasion us trouble wherefore we can't but earnestly recommend to You the security of all such adventures which are mentiond in a List made over to us coppy of w^{ch}. as allso the instrum^{t}. he made to impower us to receive all those adventures in ord^{r}. to cleare those debts here we now again send You, what he has left in our hands as Jewells, Howses &c^{a}. towards sattisfying his debts here amo^{ts}. to as near as we can guess about 20000 Rup^{s}. so whatever sums You receive please to pay it into the Comp^{a}. Cash wth. You and draw bills on us Acco^{t}. of Com^{y}. payable to y^{e}. s^{d}. M^{r}. Chitty^{s} Attornys in Bengall for what receivd and we shall make Yo^{r}. Presidency Debtor for the same.

As for the news of the Death of the Emp^{r}. the Duan & all the other officers of the Governm^{t}. speak of it publickly so y^{t}. now dont doubt the truth of it, the reports are various, some say that the Eldest sonn on the Death of his Fa^{r}. immediately stabbd the 2nd. Sonn with his own hand others report that the 2nd. son is living and likely to carry all before him so that at pres^{t}. there is no certainly of the sons is likely to carry the day at pres^{t}. all that [. . .] Quiett in Bengall but daily we may expect irruptions for which reasons we give out no Dad[ny] to the Merch^{ts}. and are providing ourselves with ammunition and stores to provide

against the Worst, the Dutch are making all the preparations they can and had 7 Ships laden for Batavia but on rec^{t}. of this news they immediately unladed one of 'em and keep her here for a Guard ship for their protection.

So soon as matters are accomodated which we wish may happen soon we shall then make suit to the new King with all the Expedition we can with our pres^{t}. w^{ch}. has so happily escaped and proves all clear gain to our Hon^{ble}. Masters.

The Dutch Embassador before the King died was admitted to his presence at which time he presented him with 20000 Gold Mohurs twenty Golden Dishes and twenty one Silver Ditto one hundred Siccaes Rup^{s}. with nine Arab horses and nine Elephants, besides what was to be given to the prince and other officers this is the publick Vacca sent us from Pattna but his business left unfinished.

When matters are truly settled in the Governm^{t}. we shall then make our application with all expeditio[n] to him whose fortune it will be to get the Empire being sensible that princes ffavours are sooner granted at their first accession to their thrones then when they have been some time posses'd of 'em, could we possibly get any Elephants or Persia Horses or Arabb Horses to add to the present do find they will be very acceptable, therefore [we] desire of You that if by any means You could procure ½ a Dozen or more Elephants, that You would do it as allso on the arrivall of the Persia Shipping that You would procure all the fine horses that may [im]port for sale and send to us by [first Good conveyance].

On the Abram Ketch conformable to Yo^{r}. Desires we freighted some petre to the West Coast and according to our Hon^{ble}. Mast^{rs}. Directions we sent some small quantity of Ophium Abstract of said Invoice (for the amo^{t}. of which we have debted Yo^{r}. presidency) and coppy of our Letter to them we now send You after the Rec^{t}. of Yo^{rs}. wherein You advised that for the future You would supply 'em Yo^{r}. Selves, we forbore sending 'em any more.

We have wrote to M^{r}. Hastings to forward this to You and have desir'd him to settle tappys at his place and Ganjam, and have likewise wrote to M^{r}. Rich^{d}. Acton at Ballasore to do the like, we shall write You again in a Little time and continue doing so till the season of the Year ꝑmitts shiping to go to Yo^{r}. port, we are

Fort William
March 20th. 1711/12.

Hon^{ble}. S^{r}.
Your very humble Servants
John Russell.
Abra : Addams.
W^{m}. Lloyd.
Sam^{ll}. Feak.
J. Williamson.
Jn^{o}. Deane.

No. 94

To the Hon^{ble}. Edw^{d}. Harrison Esq^{r}.
Presid^{t}. & Gov^{rr}. of Forts S^{t}. George & David &c^{a}. Council.

Hon^{ble}. S^{r}. &c^{a}.

On the 23rd. Ins^{t}. we rec̄d. the favour of Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. of the 21st. with Copy of one of the 17th. sent us by a mosoola with 9000 Pag^{s}. and the Originall arrived here the 24 & we returne our thanks for the Supply.

M^{r}. Raworth acquaints us he is informd from M^{r}. Benyon that the Prisoners are Deliverd at Pontichery and the Articles come down from Chingee sign'd by Surrop Sing according to agreem^{t}. so that now we hope we shall enjoy a Lasting

peace, which we beleive the Enemy pray for as well as us, the some of their Stragling peons who have so long habituated them[selves] to plundering could not pass by a herd of Cattle while grazing without our bounds on Saturday last with[out] driving away eight of 'em but quite Contrary to [ex]pectation Moubert Cawne return'd them again early morning, desiring the Dep^{ty}. Gov^{r}. to pass by the [. . .] assuring him he would not only punish the Offenders but prevent his people from being guilty of the like [in] future.

When M^{r}. Benyon had brought the business to a Conclusion that the Buxee was arrived with th[e prison]ers in the Camp he sent to us for a supply of [money] to performe his part of the Agreem^{t}. likewise, in[comply]ance with which we forwarded to him on the 19th. 6000 Pag^{s}. and on the 24th. the like sum which having nothing more to do then pay away we hope [to have] him here in 2 days with the Phirwannas and [what] he has in his charge.

Wee are very glad as before we have told Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. that our Merch^{ts}. have got rid of their broad Cloth & [there is] a prospect of vending it so well that it will not p[revent] the sale of what is expected by the Europe Shipps [and we] are daily in Expectation of our Merch^{ts}. with [money to] carry on the Investm^{t}. which it's not to be doubted they'll compleat by the time they last promis'd & [we will] be sure to ℔forme our parts by seeing it wash'd [soon &] Embald with the utmost expedition and send [immediately] to You by all secure oppertunitys that offer, [. . .] hope by following the methods You prescribe th[. . .] of it will fall into the hands of the ffrench. Most undoubtedly its not prudent to let our Cash [so] low as 10 pag^{s}. nor shall we for the future omit to [write to] Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. when we apprehend ours being nearly Exhausted that if any ill Consequence attend our want of money, wee may'nt be responsible for it, but thô the place is poor and has been harrast by long Oppressions & Warr yet wee hope, wee may be able to find ten Thousand pag^{s}. in it, to assist us when its impossible for your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. to Supply our wants.

Wee thank your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. for Consenting that M^{r}. Augustus Burton continues here, who indeed writes an incomperable hand, w^{ch}. makes us the more thankfull, for as Superiors in England expect all the Books you send them should be fairly Transcribed, so wee beleive your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. expects that what wee send you, should come in the same manner, and wee shall endeavour as much as in us lies to answer your Expectation.

Wee shall observe Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. Orders, Relating to the Duan, in case he comes th[at] way, and if he desires to pass through our bounds with his Army endeavour to Devert him from it with a present, but then wee must desire You to let us know to what amount wee must give him and be pleased likewise to send us some Goods proper for that use, for wee have none here Cur[i]ous Enough to carry before a Person of his station and Quality.

Gunner Hugonin & Ensign Hobbs with a hundred able men shall come to Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. as soon as he is past, and wee are out of apprehensions of any Danger from him thô wee hope You'll have no manner of Occasion to use them.

M^{r}. Raworth tell us that he allwayes advised the Hon^{ble}. President privately of the Arrival of all ships that Anchored or past by here, with what news of moment they brought, but do think it a proper Subject for a Gen^{ll}. Letter when was nothing att all, hapned Relating to the affairs of Our Employers which was the reason that the [arrival] of the Maldiva Ships, and M^{r}. Calverts stay here [were] not imparted to You, but since you have been pleased to lay us under your Orders to Advise You in Gen^{ll}. whatt shipps, sloops or other Vessels pass by, or [anchor] here we shall be sure to do it, & now conformable [to it] wee are to acquaint You that on the 23^{d}. instant imported here a Deans Parr belonging to M^{r}. Anth[ony] Wyrger a Merchant of Trincombarr, Loaden with Butter Oyle, Brandy and Columbo Arrack [and] Yesterday in the Evening arrived a Mussoola [from] Pointetherry [*sic*] Loaden with Hoggs, and other Provisions for this place, on w^{ch}. likewise came One Cap^{t}. [. . .] Veal with his wife, who tells us he left Fort S^{t}. [George] Seven dayes Ago.

Pursuant to your Order [we] have ask[d] M^r^. Edward Ange in Consultation, [by what] Authority he has under the hands of M^r^. John [Calvert] Deceased to take care of his private Concerns, tells Us he has none, and was only Desired to doe [by] the s^d^. M^r^. Calvert a Day or two before he Dyed, [and] he has taken an Inventory of all he has left behind him, and pack't them up, w^th^. Design to carry them to M^r^. Williamson who he knows [is left his Freind] having seen his will before he embarkt upon [the] Maldiva Expedition.

Wee likewise Demanded of [him] by what Authority he took Care of the Publick Con[cerns] w^ch^. M^r^. Calvert when living had the management off, to w^ch^. he answers, that its by Virtue of a Power under the hands of his owners who thought Convenient to joyne him in Commission with the s^d^. M^r^. Calvert and appoint that in case of his mortallity all the Powers they had invested him with, should devolve on him, the Copy of their Instructions are Enclosed.

He having proceeded so farr in this Affair for the Reasons abovementioned, wee thought it would not be proper to put Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. Orders in Execution till wee had Advised You of it, and Rec^d^. Your further Directions, in the mean time our Paymast^r^. is Ordered to putt the Comp^ns^. Seal on all the Chests and wee have Received an Inventory of there Contents w^ch^. wee now enclose for Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. Perusal.

It seems it was an Agreement between Leivtenant James Hugonin, and the late Leivtenant Vivers, since the imprisonment of the former at [Chin] gee, that all Lawfull Perquisists belonging to the Company they Commanded should be equally Divided between them, accordingly M^r^. Francis Hugonin's Attorney to the Leivtenant when You was pleased to Order Vivers to Fort S^t^. George, Demanded from him his Moiety w^ch^. he readily would have given him but proved insolvent upon w^ch^. he desired M^r^. Harrison to be his Security who Accepted thereof, he leaving Effects enough in his hands to satisfie the Debt w^ch^. amounted to fifty pag^ds^. but having sold no more than to the value of Thirty Pagodas, thought Convenient not to send him his Effects, when he desired it, till he had paid M^r^. Hugonin the other Twenty w^ch^. wee beleive he now has done, or by some other means accommodated the Business, for he tells Us he will by the first Oppertunity that presents send his Effects to Fort S^t^. George or deliver them to his Order here.

Wee particularly examined M^r^. Hugonin how this sum of money was raised, who tells us he does not know, but that he beleives by Lawfull Perquisites since the Agreement was that his Cozen should Partake of no Others, and wee are of Opinion Cap^t^. Vivers is too Great a Lover of money to lett him share of what he has Risqued his Reputation to Procure.

Wee request Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. to lett us know under what head wee shall Charge this Twelve Thousand Pag^ds^. wee have remitted M^r^. Benyon to Ponticherry till when wee have in Our Cash Book Debted Cheva Naigue Reddee and the mold of Trevindaparum for it, in Consideration of the Debt of the former is made over and the latter presented to us for that Value as mentioned in the Articles Interchangeable Signed by Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. & Suroop Sing.

Wee now send Your Hon^r^. by this Conveyance Thirty bales Amounting to 1827 Pag^ds^. as ℔ Invoice and bill of Laden [*sic*] Enclosed, w^ch^. wee wish may Arrive safe with your Hon^r^. &c^a^. Wee are.

FORT S^T^. DAVID
MAY 26^TH^. 1712.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &c^A^.
Your most Obedient hum^ble^. Serv^ts^.
ROB^T^. RAWORTH.
RICHARD FARMER.
JN^O^. BERLU.
RICHARD HARRISON.
MATTHEW WELD.
THOMAS WOOD[W]ARD.

N[o]. 95

HONOURABLE S[R].

I had the hon[r]. to write you the 4[th]. ins[t]. I hope my Letter is come to your hands, I am advised that y[e]. Box[ee] & Mowbut Cawne are to come to this Place to morrow or next day to finish all Business, they have desired me to write You to send to the Place all the Prisoners Moores that you have in your hands, they would have also the Corps of the man that was killed by M[r]. Hugonin as also his horse, his spade, and all things that he weareth above hinted that were taken from him, saying that that expedition was made before y[e]. Warr begun, Pray let me have your answer Upon all this, I rest and Remaine.

FORT LEWIS
OF PONDICHERRY
THIS 6[TH]. OF JUNE 1712.

HON[BLE]. S[R].

Your most hum[ble]. & most Obed[t]. Servant

JN[O]. HERBERT.

No. 96

HON[BLE]. S[R].

Last night I Received your hon[rs]. of the 6[th]. [June] N. S. by w[ch]. I Perceive the Buxee and Mawbot Cawne are in a very short time to come to Pondicherry in Order fin[aly] to end Our differences, and hope the news demands they [make] will not be any Obstacle to the Conclusion for I beg of Your honour to consider whether its possible for us or not [to give] the Corps of a man who has been buryed Sixteen [months or] more, particularly when there was so little regard had to [it] that it was flung into the Ground like the Carcase of a [Dog] and no monument Raised over it to satisfy Pos[terity] that such a Person was interred there.

And as to their demands of his horse, Targett sword and Cloaths, I only desire you'll be pleased to reflect a little on the avaritious inclinations of a party of souldiers when they have free liberty to Plunder, and than be pleased to tell me frankly your sentiments whether its possible for any mortall man to gather together what has been disperst amongst a parcell of Poor Debauched Fellows, who have no further thoughts after they with the hazard of their Lives have procured a small booty then fling it away in a Publick house.

As to the Prisoners I have w[ch]. is but one I now send him to your honour and would likewise Comply w[th]. what else the Enemy demands and your hon[r]. Requests of me, but that its not in my Power thô I cant think in justice they ought to be gratifyed since before the Death of that man they had so far broke the Peace with this Place as to seize 2 Europeans, and notwithstanding our frequent intercessions for their enlargement they 8 months together Refused to Return them.

I this morning rec[d]. a Letter from Governour Harrison wherein he tells me that he is very much surprised to hear they design to pay us the 1000 Pagodas they have articled to give us, in horses and Cloaths wher[e]as he imagined it was [to] be deducted from the sum we were to give them w[ch]. indeed I allways apprehended likewise and I dont Doubt since your Honour [is] engaged but you'll take care to accommodate y[t]. Business to his Satisfaction, and if an Abatement is not to be obtained procure us, [by] some means or other y[e]. intrinsick value of 1000 Pag[ds].

I just now had the Satisfaction to see out two Captives for w[ch]. I return your honour a great many thanks and am

[FORT S[T]. DAVID]
[. . .]

HON[BLE]. S[R].

Your most obedient hum[ble]. Servant

[ROBERT] RAWORTH.

No. 97

To the Honble. Edwd. Harrison Esqr.
Presidt. and Governr. of Fort St. George
and St. David &ca. Council.

Honble. Sr. &ca.

Our last to your honr. &ca. was on the 26th. instant by Sloop Rama on wch. vessell wee sent you thirty bales Amounting to One Thousand, Eight hundred, and twenty seven Pagodas, wch. wee hope long before this are safe arrived with You, and wee shall Omitt no Oppertunity of forwarding the rest by all secure Conveyances that Offer.

To Our great Surprise the Mediation has Demanded of Mr. Raworth the body of Laula Deepsa with all accoutrements belonging to him, when he was killed by Mr. Hugonin and seems to hint that their Demand is Justifyable, because we had not them publickly Declared Warr tho its impossible but he must know, that it was in the midst of Peace that they committed that perfidious Act, Upon Captain Hugonin and Ensign Ray eight months before [. . .] would they, tho very often solicited to doe it, Returne them Again to Us, upon wch. he has answered his Letter, and given him his reasons why its not possible to Comply wth. the Demand, the Copy of wch. wee enclose for your honour &cas. perusal.

Yesterday imported by a Mosoola the beforementioned Prisoners Capt. Hugonin and Ensign Reay, who shall be put in the same Command they were formerly, if your honr. &ca. Approve thereof but wee beleive it will be requisite they should be free from Duty a few dayes to refresh themselves after the Fatigues they have Undergone.

Yesterday morning there passt by a Danes Briggantine from Madrass bound to Trincombarr, besides wch. no other Vessell has Come in sight of, or pass'd by this Port, Wee are

Fort St. David
May 28th. 1712.

Honble. Sr. &ca.
Your most Obedient humble. Servants
Robt. Raworth.
Ri: Farmer.
Jno. Berlu.
Ri: Harrison.
[*Lacuna.*]
Tho: Wood[w]ard.

No. 98

[To the Honble. Edward Harrison Esqr.
Presidt. & Govr. of Fort St. George &ca. Council.]
Honble. Sr. &ca.

Since the foregoing wch. is Copy of what sent your Honr. &ca. ℔ Capt. Ridgley Letters from Adavad say that advices of eleven dayes from Agra inform that Mos'deen the eldest has succeeded in the Empire by imprisoning his third Brother & killing the Youngest and that all Business at Amadavad is carryed on in the name of the Eldest wch. if true, wee hope the Kingdom will be at Peace and Quietness. We are

Subait Aprill the 11th. 1712.

Your honrs. &ca. most humble Servants
Wm. Proby.
Ep. Bendall.
Bn. Wyche.
Thos. Wilshere.

No. 99

To the Hon^ble. Edw^d. Harrison Esq^r.
President for affairs of the Hon^ble.
United English East Ind^a. Comp^a. on the
Coast of Coromondell & Gov^r. of Fort S^t. George
&c^a. Councill at Madrass.

Hon^ble. S^r. &c^a.

Yours of the 27^th. September wee rec^d. by Ships William and S^t.a'Cruize, the former arriv^s. here the 3^d. & the latter the 5^th. of Jan^ry. wee give you thanks for the Care you took of ship William.

Wee observe you dispatched the Desbouverer that sailed in Company with the Tankerville the 4^th. Sep^r. & wish with you, they may safely arrive our Hon^ble. Masters.

The 28^th. Feb^ry. receiv^d. yours of the 29^th. Novem^r. *via* Suratt, advising the dispatch of the Hallifax, Success Gally for Europe the 18^th. Octob^r. and are sorry to hear your Troubles at Fort S^t. David are not yet ended.

The 1^o. Decem^r. the London arrived here from Gombroon, and the 17^th. of Jan^ry. wee dispatcht the Katherine for Europe with a Cargoe amounting to Rupees 558300 w^ch. God send may arrive our hon^ble. Masters in safety.

On the 6^th. & 7^th. ins^t. arrived the Litchfeild, Montague & Heathcot from England the two former dispatcht from thence y^e. 17^th. Aprill and the latter the 8^th. June 1711 and the Recovery [. . .] China, they left [. . .] Jan^ry. from whence those Gentlemen write [that] they had used their Endeavours. to gett intelligence [of] the French but could hear nothing of them, neither had wee heard anything of the French being upon this Coast since the beginning of Jan^ry. so that wee do suppose they are sailed for Mocho.

This comes by ship William Cap^t. Jn^o. Blacon that imported here from Surat the 15^th. ins^t. from whence the Councill Advise us, that the Death of the Mogull is Confirmed and that Ausmudeen the 2^d. son being the likeliest to succeed in the empire he was killed by the other three sons that joined in a League, that after his fall to Divide the Kingdom amongest them viz^t. from Cabull to Guzzaratt should pertain to the eldest, that of Decan to the next or third and Bengall to the Youngest, pretending to a Division of the Treasure & Jewells as well as Kingdoms, the eldest not Consenting to it they Divided & put themselves to Battle, wherein the youngest was killed, the next taken Prisoner and now the eldest reigns Emperor, this news they write came from severall at Ahmadavad that had it in Eleven dayes from Agra, and that the Business at Ahmadavad is Carryed on in the name of Moasdeen [the] Eldest.

Wee have given Orders for your being supplyed yearly from Persia according to the List you sent [us]

Bombay Castle
the 21^st. Aprill 1712.

Hon^ble. &c^a.
Your very Loving Freinds & most humble Servants
W^m. Aislabie.
E^p. Orfeirer.
Tho: Moore.
Jn^o. Hillar.
Doug: Burniston.
Jn^o. [*lacuna.*]

No. 100

To the Honble. Edward Harrison Esqr.
President for Rt. Honble. United English
Company, Governor [of] Fort St. George &ca. Council.

Honble. Sr. &ca.

Your Honrs. former advice of Firewood, I have agreed with 5 boats, wch. are now bound to the woods, major part being reddy cutt to bring & deliver at Fort St. George this hott winds to Your Honr. to supply that Charge have recd. of Coassel Peria two hundred Pagds. having drawn a bill on your Honr. dated the 23d. May Payable to Kittee Narran or his assignes five dayes after sight, I humbly entreat your honr. to pay ye. said bill, having brought soe much to ye Rt. Honble. Companys Creditt. [I humbly] crave Leave.

Metchlepatam
23D. May 1712.

Honble. Sr. &ca.
Your most Obedient Servt.
Philip Noden.

No. 101

To the Honble. Edward Harrison Esqr.
Presidt. and Governr. of Fort St. George &ca. Councill.

Honble. Sr. &ca.

Wee wrote you the 28th. Inst. Advising what then Occurred to your knowledge and now we are to inform your honr. &cs. that about twelve a Clock last night Mr. Bernard Benyon arrived here from Ponticherry having [. . .] considering all Circumstances thô not with so good [. . .] as both he and wee desired.

Wee have no more news to Advise you of, only that yesterday a Chellinger imported from Ponticherry and that a Ship pass't by, bound to Madrass belonging to [a] Moor Merchant, and Loaden with Elephants. Wee are

Honble. Sr. &ca.
Your Obedt. humble Servants

Fort St. David
May 30th. 1712.

Robt. Raworth.
Ricd. Farmer.
Jno. Berlu.
Ricd. Harrison.
Matthew Weld.
Thos. Wood[w]ard.

No. 102

To the Honble. Edward Harrison Esqr.
President and Governor of Fort St. George &ca. Council.

Honble Sr. &ca.

Our last was the 9th. instant and [the] 10th. wee recd. yours of the Munchu with 6000 [Pags.] under Charge of four Peons who returned ov the 16th.

According to what advised under the 6th. [. . .] Cunshem Lingana &cs cleared within 600 Pa[godas] of what advanced on last Investmt. and wait on[a removall of the Camps near Comley in the Ra[ja Ananterauze] Country whe

weavers have engaged for great Quantitys of Cloth. to go and hasten the work and bring it in so that the next month wee hope to form a Judgm^{t}. of what Bales may be ready for a Sep^{r}. ship and thô wee could bring the merchants to a certain Agreem^{t}. for the Quantity's of Cloth in these parts, and at Ingerom because of the Troubles in the Country, yet they have laid out for 20000 Pag^{s}. in Ordinary Longcloth and Sallampores at Ingerom and the remainder with the Betteelas and sailcloth to be provided in these Parts. The Dasheroone head Merch^{t}. not Comeing here and his Factors demanding $\frac{1}{3}^{d}$. of Betteelas with advance of Pag^{ds}. 5000 in the Contract of 30000 Pag^{ds}. wee thought it much more advantagious to agree with Cunshem Lingana and his 2 Partners who are Corga Lingana and Buddy Narso (this last is gone with M^{r}. Faucet to Ingerom) and they have Favoured the Dasheroon Merchant with a share of the investm^{t}. to prevent [evil] Consequences from the Dutch & others who [will by] their means be sett at work to hinder our [busine]ss, so that now by the Rajahs Favour and [the merchants] Good Agreem^{t}. wee dont apprehend any disappointm^{t}.

Wee never thought Cunshem Lingana &c^{a}. Merchants to be men of Estates thô they are [for] Creditt the most considerable in this Place, and wee g[ive] our best Security on their Interest with the Country Weavers, and their Wives and Family's [. . .] Towne.

The Merchants are not [. . .] sail cloth and if [your] Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. [. . .] than 1000 Peices, we shall get longcloth and Sallampores in the room of the other 1000, tho in reallity by a [. . . .] Goods they can be no great Gainers as Cotton and [. . .] are dearer by 50 ℔ Cent than formerly, wee dare say will like the fine Betteelas both for the Goodness of the Cloth and variety of Stripes and wee shall be very strict sorting those and all other Goods according to musters.

Wee are aboat Ballancing our Generall Books w^{ch}. shall be transcribed and sent in time for your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. ℔usall and sending them [home] by the Sep^{r}. Ship.

Inclosed is Coppy of a list of Goods from M^{r}. Faucett with the prizes which the merch^{ts}. at Ingerom propose to find them.

Yesterday an Armenian and Jentue Ship came here from Pegu losing their Passages to your Port [the] first is very Leaky and must unload [. . .] of sailing againe.

Fuckerlee [Cawne . . .] have had an engagem^{t}. with [. . .] the Loss of about 200 men [. . .] sides, but the Rajahs are going [. . .] ke a 2^{d}. Au[. . . .] near Chichacull w^{ch}. wee beleive will occasion a d[eadly] battle, wee most Respectfully Subscribe

VIZAGAPATAM
MAY 21st. 1712.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.
Your most Obed^{t}. hum^{ble}. Serv^{t}[^{s}].
FRA: HASTINGS.
ROB^{T}. CRANWELL.

No. 103

[TO THE HON^{BLE}. EDW^{D}. HARRISON ESQ^{R}.]
PRESID^{T}. AND GOVERN^{R}. OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE AND S^{T}. DAVID &C^{A}. COUNCILL.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.

Wee advised Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. on the 30th. Ult^{o}. of M^{r}. Benyons Arrival here who was then in hopes Mediator would have compelled the Enemy to Comply with their part of the Articles so punctu[ally] that he might be able to Leave this Place as tomorrow instead of which he not only encourages them [to] make fresh demands upon Us but likewise permitt them to persevere in their humour of Paying Us the One Thousand Pagodas in a Tashereefe not [with] half the Value thô in Justice it

ought to be deducted from the sum paid them, so that wee dont think it adviseable that the risks his Person by Lan[d . . .] particulars are Compleatly finisht which wee [. . .] will be in a short time.

Beleiving when they had Rec^{d}. [such] a sum as Twelve Thousand pagodas, the Roads [both] North and South, would be open for our inhabitants to pass with security with their merchandize and accordingly wee permitted some of them to goe to Porto Novo, but they were seized by some Peons in the [. . .] and Carryed into the woods, thô M^{r}. Raworth wrote to Mowbut Cawne about it, and Demand[ed] Justice to which he has not as yet thought [. . .] to give an Answer and keeps our Peons with [. . .] thing pro[. . .] himselfe juster then usual.

Wee hear that they have bestowed on [. . .] Naigue for his good Services the woods of Avashevau [. . .] besides all Yembolum Country and are very strenuously Endeavouring to procure him the Talliars Employ of these Bounds, w^{ch}. M^{r}. Benyon is Opposing 'em in as much as possible, and wee hope in the end will satisfye them, that its impossible for us to grant so unreasonable a thing, which entirely leaves Us at his Mercy, but wee shall trouble you no more on this Subject, beleiving he will give You the necessary information about it.

The Cash you were pleased last to send Us is intirely disburst so that wee are in arrears to Our Servants, for last month, and Request You'll be pleased to send us a Supply, with all Convenient Speed.

Wee wish Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. health and success in all your Undertakings, and are

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
JUNE THE 1ST. 1712.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.
Your Obedient hum^{ble}. Servants
ROBERT RAWORTH.
RICHARD FARMER.
JOHN BERLU.
RICHARD HARRISON.
MATTHEW WELD.
THOMAS WOOD[W]ARD.

No. 104

[TO THE HON^{BLE}. EDW^{D}. HARRISON ESQ^{R}.]
PRESID^{T}. AND GOVERN^{R}. OF FORT S^{T}. GEORG_
AND S^{T}. DAVID &C^{A}. COUNCILL.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.

Wee wrote your hon^{r}. &c^{a}. yesterday wherein we gave you a needfull acc^{tt}. to that time soon after which, we recd a Letter from Moubut Cawne in answer to that M^{r}. Raworth wrote him some dayes agoe, w^{ch}. is much civiller penned then wee expected and wee think it [so] to shew a sincere inclination towards Peace, the Copy of it wee enclose for your hon^{r}. &c^{as}. Perusal.

M^{r}. Bernard Benyon has att [. . .] the Phirwannas recd from Surop Sing, whe[. . .] to Us, all wee desired of him wee Request your Hon^{r}. will be pleased, to let Us know Your Pleasure, whither they shall be kept here or sent to You, thô with submission, wee beleive it more proper, they should [be] Lodged [in] the head settlem^{t}. where all Originall Grants [. . .] for since wee are so near to it, Authentick Coppy [of it] will doe as well for us.

Yesterday wee rec^{d}. your Hon^{r}. &c^{as}. of the 30th. Ult^{o}. and are Glad to hear of sloop Ramahs arrival with the Bales Loaded on her, and shall Omitt no Oppertunity of Sending You, what wee have by Us and the Rest as it is washt and embailed.

Wee are very glad that all things are adjusted with our merchants, whose Partners [. . . Porto] Novo as fast as can be expected for wee are forct to make use of that Place as Yet, for fear the Road should not be Compleatly Clear.

Wee are informed that the Duan Certainly designs to Returne from the South-[w]ard the lower way, if so he will Undoubtedly expect a present from Us as he passes by, and wee shall Pursuant to your Order Examine Our Acc^{ts}. and give him to the amount of what has bin usual to other Nabobs on the like Occasion and we thank your hon^{r}. &c^{a}. for the Goods You Promise to send Us proper for that Use.

Wee are very much Concerned that when wee thought wee had punctually Obeyd your Hon^{r}. &c^{as}. Orders You should accuse Us of Levity and Disrespect either of which infirmity's are indeed very improper for a Subordinate Factory, w^{ch}. wee are not insensible is our present state, and ther[e]fore hope You'll be pleased to beleive that there was nothing [said] in that Paragraph, wher[e]in the Mussoola [was] mentioned wth. Designe to give you any Offence, for wee are not so ignorant, but wee are very sensible what ill Consequences would Attend Us if wee did, and wee shall for the future advise you of no other but ships and sloops.

T'is a very Great Satisfaction to us that your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. Approve of what wee proposed Relating to the effects of M^{r}. Calvert deceased, and have advised M^{r}. Ange that if he makes hast to Madrass he may take his Passage for Bengall on the [. . .] which wee beleive cant be many dayes hence.

Wee shall continue the Twelve Thousand Pag^{s}. paid the Buxee, under the head we have already entred in our Cash Book.

Wee hope when the Hon^{ble}. President's Letter reaches M^{r}. Hebbert, it will have a better influence upon him then that sent from hence, for tho in his answer to it, he seemed to hint, that the Moors ought not to be satisfyed in their Demands yet Kitte Narran has Rec^{d}. a Letter from Ninapa the French Dubash wher[e]in he requires from us every particular as before, but wee are resolved to Gratifye none Unless your Honour &c^{a}. Order the Contrary.

According to your Orders Cap^{t}. Hugonin and Ensigne Reay are reinstated in their former Commands and they shall have some days to refresh themselves after so long a fatiegue.

Wee dont yet hear any thing of the Madapollam Yatch, which when arrived, wee shall demand from the Tandell, an account how he expended the five Pagodas you sent him to Madras[s] and shall Return her to you Loaden with Bales [with] all the expedition possible.

Gunner Hugonin has finished his Business and is ready to depart from hence [with] M^{r}. Benyon, w^{ch}. is all wee have to advise You of.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE [DAVID ?]
JUNE 2^{D}. 1712.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.
Your Obedient hum^{ble}. Servants
ROB^{T}. RAWORTH.
RICHARD FARMER.
JOHN BERLU.
RICHARD HARRISON.
MATTHEW WELD.
THOMAS WOOD[W]ARD.

No. 105

FROM MOBUT CAWNE

TO THE WORSHIPFULL ROB^{T}. RAWORTH ESQ^{R}. DEPUTY GOVERNOUR.

I Rec^{d}. your Letter, and Glad you enjoy health, you advise me that Ackull Naigus People seized yours, and after they Carryed them in the woods and Plundered them and beat them, I never heard a word on it before you[r] Letter, and have sent to Ackull Naigue, for[th]with to Clear the People, and their things, well knowing such things after a Peace is agreed on are not to be done nor will I suffer it, Pray Continue to advice me your health.

[JUNE]P^{MO}. 1712.

No. 106

To the Hon^ble. Edward Harrison Esq^r.
Presid^t. and Govern^r. &c^a. Council.

Hon^ble. S^r. &c^a.

After a kind Reception att Peddapora[m] by Riaperose (the Adopted Heir of Timerose Deceased) who declared he would religiously Observe what his Predecessor had Promised the English, & see everything punctually Performed, & Preserved inviolable and something more he would do himselfe he aded that the Dutch had studied all manner of wayes to hinder our Comeing as much as possible that his Freindship should only extend to the English, Accordingly would put a stop to other Business as wee had Occasion, and let his People know that his Pleasure was to have our work first done and after many Repetitions of the like nature and of his Care in giving us a Convenient Place here to live in, and when wee had Occasion for any other upon any of those ilands nearer the [sea] it should be granted with these Orders to this Rog [ar] I came hither and delivered them the 2^d. instant, and cannot say otherwise but there has hitherto bin real Performances and now having shown their helps or advantages, w^ch. now lay upon and ready to be made use of According to your Hon^r. &c^a. direction and Orders. I proceed to mention our disadvantages or new Customes w^ch. have sprung up from the measures the Dutch have taken in these Parts since January last first by rising the Price of Ordinary L. Cloth and Sallampores as your Hon^r. &c^a. has heard, also by their advancing mony amongest the weavers, every weaver that would undertake to bring them 20 Pagodas worth of Cloth more or less in 2 months time receives 20 Pagodas before hand, and ℔ticularly by their agreements in general, for half fine Cloth half Course, these wayes of Trading the Dutch have introduced and still Practice in a Place where they have not advanced any mony before this 20 years past, nor have bought any fine Cloth, a small qua^ty. excepted where Cotton can't be reckoned dear and where there is no want of workmen, to mention more will be tedious, as their Machiavell Policy at Peddaporum whilst I was there and their endeavouring to frighten People from working for us, by getting them to signe to Obligations particularly these of Brampore.

The Ordinary L. Cloth Sallampores and Sagle Cloth w^ch. our merchants have agreed with the weavers to make here am^ts. to 2400 Pag^ds. a few peices of which being just finisht is brought in the rest as they assure me is in such a forwardness that all may Reasonable be expected in a months time or thereabouts wee having here Places adjacent 500 Familys kept close att work, and the Dutch have 2000 besides those that make their fine Cloth, Chey Goods, Chints Paintings &c^a. in this manner matters stand w^th. us. The Companys Concerns tending towards such a Flowrishing Condition as gives no reason to doubt of answer^s. your Honour &c^a. Expectation in Accomplishing the Business wee came about, 'tis True our Merchants B. Narsoe & Ballo Kistnama (betwixt w^ch. two there is a perfect Agreement and Union) do daily Complain of their being Losers by buying ordinary Goods & no fine.

In one or two of Riaperose Letters he writes me, that he had given Orders out, that what Cloth was to be sold should be brought Us, and none else suffered to buy it yet wee have not had one peice Come, all was bought up or secured, at our first Comeing wee had 50 Corge of Ordinary Sallampores in view, but a Pollicull Merchant got them before our advices did reach the Place or Riaperors either, hence appears the litt[l]e hopes of getting any Ordinary Cloth, but what is made for Us.

It remains that I acquaint your Hon^r. &c^a. w^th. what if Cheifly wanted, it appears absolutely necessary in Carrying on our Business, to have some Power given of advancing money, Goods, will now be daily brought in, Our Merchants take very good security for what they trust the head weavers with, besides here is the least danger in trusting out money for the merchants by reason the weavers live among'st ilands where they are never molested. Narsoe is a straingers, but Balla Kisnamo is not, noe man better acquainted than he and he is not the only distinguishing Character in their pa[rt]of a good man, but also of a rich man and

has advanced money towards getting the Goods mentioned, I have Urged it home to him, as wee are straingers here supposing him able, that it would be a good peice of service done the Company if he would employ 3 or 400 Familyes for us, but the story is Over and Over that he must be a loser by what he has done and has no heart to venture further except their Comes some encouragement for providing fine Goods, accordingly he Promises to advance money.

My Carefullness and Faithfullness shall never be wanting in sorting of Cloth &c^{a}. in the Companys Concerns, I hope the Cloth will come up to muster, having Cautioned every weaver that comes to look upon them, and I shall be mindfull of giving your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. a Constant Account of proceeding here.

Since my return hither here is come about 70 Familyes of Painters Brampore people that make that sort of Chints and weavers of Chey Goods several of which served the new Company at Metchlepatam, they say that the Chey Root growes in its Perfection here and waits for employment which brings the Conclusion of these Lines, and with all Due respects to Subscribe

INGERAM
MAY THE 28TH. 1712.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.
Your most Obedient Servant
THOMAS FAUCETT.

No. 107

TO THE HON^{BLE}. EDWARD HARRISON ESQ^{R}.
PRESID^{T}. AND GOVERNOUR OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE &C^{A}. COUNCILL.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.

Since our last to your Honour &c^{a}. of the 2^{d}. ins^{t}. wee have been favoured with none from you and send this on Purpose to advise you, that M^{r}. Bernard Benyon having Compleatly the Business you sent him about, as much to his satisfaction as possible Considering the difficulties he encountred, and the Enem[y]'s army Retired Westward of Waldore, went from hence at four a Clock this morning, wth. designe to touch at Pondicherry in his way, and now wee hope since he has Procured Peace, that it will be a Happy and Lasting One.

According to your Order Gunner Hugonin accompanyed him, who has behaved himselfe extreamly well in all services whatsoever since our first Engagement in the warr and we dont Doubt he will Continue to Deport himselfe in the same manner att Fort S^{t}. George and be so happy as to Continue in your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. Favours.

Wee shall now think of retrenching our Expences and encreasing the Hon^{ble}. Company's Revenues as much as possibly wee can, in Order to make them some Satisfaction for the Prodigious Charge they have been at to Carry on this Warr.

Wee have nothing as yet of the Maddapollam Yatch, nor is the Treasure you promised to supply us with arri^{d}. for w^{ch}. Reason wee have Presumed to receive from M^{r}. Edward Ange the sum of two Thousand, eight hundred and Ninety six Pag^{ds}. for which wee have given a bill on your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. of this dayes date Payable at five Dayes sight, w^{ch}. w^{ch}. wee request your punctual Complyance, and have nothing more to Trouble you with att present then to assure your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. Wee are

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
JUNE THE 6TH. 1712.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.
Your Obed^{t}. humble Servants
ROBERT RAWORTH
&C^{A}. COUNCILL.

P.S.

Since the 3^{d}. ins^{t}. passed by this road a sloop, and Parr bound for Negapatam, and a Galliot to Trincombarr
[. . .]
IDEM

No. 108

From the Govern^r. & Councill
att Negapatam.

Hon^ble. S^r. &c^a.

Wee had the Hon^r. to receive after each other your Letters of the 17^th. Aprill and 25^th. May S. V. the last Containing Europe News, lately rec^d. by your Hon^r. being an Acc^t. of the state of warr throughout Europe as agreeable as wisht for, God send that a happy and Peace may be the issue of it, in the meantime wee heartily thank your Hon^r. for your kindness in imparting the said Tyding to us and shall not fail on the arrival of our expected Batavia shipping in case wee hear any thing further to give you an account of it, wee beg the Favour your hon^r. would be pleased to continue the same to us and be perswaded that Wee are

Negapatam
June the 15^th. 1712.

No. 109

To the Hon^ble. Edward Harrison Esq^r.
Presid^t. for the R^t. Hon^ble. United
English Company, Governour of
Fort S^t. George &c^a. Councill.

Hon^ble. S^r. &c^a.

Some dayes ago Rec^d. a Letter from M^r. Thomas Faucett requiring a muster c Izzarrg w^ch. sent him also wanting weavers, Painters, and Painters of Brampo Chints; some years past Dutch brought severall Familyes from Golcondoth; Pro mising'em every year 5000 Pagodas to provide them in Goods, for two years the kept their, since fallen to 1000 Pagodas, I sent for five of them, w^ch. are content t goe, Provisions being Cheap, Governm^t. quiet makes all easie; they desired a Peo with my Letter with them, w^ch. I Promised to give them, if they agree, Promising t Carry their Family's thither.

I enquired of these weavers, Painters Dyers here are not willing to proceec much desirous they are for me to send them to Dew, they will try the waters an engage to bring all weavers, Dyers, Painters in these Parts, if the waters prov good, they are of opinion waters will be good, having Pettipollee Mountapolle near, from whence they have the best Chey Root, being assured under Upper Ro they may Live quiet can promise to provide a large Quantity of Chay Goods & whit to effect this must Discourse Upper Row, I am certain he will not desire your Hon any thing, all merch^ts. aprove of this.

Here enclosed the three months Account with the amounts of Firewood no Provided; Bills of Lading sent your hon^r. in my former Letter, musters of woo being fine; sowed up in Gunnies and Sealed; Comes on the boates humbly entrea your Hon^r. to give the mezza a quick and Plausable answer to the Letters I sent, humbly Crave Leave

Metchlepatam
the 5^th. June 1712.

Hon^ble. S^r. &c^a.
Your most Obedient Servant
Philip Noden.

No. 110

To the Honble. Edward Harrison Esqr.

Presidt. and Governr. of Fort St. George &ca. Councill.

Honble. Sr. &ca.

Our last to your Hont. &cs. was on the 2d. instant advising the departure of Mr. Bernard Benyon who we are informed by our Tappys had reached Sadrass Satturday Evening, so wee dont Doubt but he is safe arrived with you before now, the Party wch. was detached with him for his Guard, were sent back from Conimeer, who all returned safe and well yesterday morning nor did they meet with any molestation upon the Road.

Last night wee were hond. with one from you of the 6th. instant and are very Glad you approve of Mr. Bernard Benyon's staying here till all matters were adjusted wch. its most Certain could not have so soon been effected if he had remained at Ponticherry without putting the Honble. Company to a further expence, for had wee conceeded to them in their Demand Laula Deepsas Body and excoutrements [*sic*] its not to be doubted but they would next have asked reparations for the Damages done them at Mardore, and then gone on to the Burning of Yembolum, and in Fine all Damages they have sustained this warr wch. it is very apparent the Mediator would never have Controuled 'em in for whither it be out of fear or affection wee cant tell, but wee are fully convinc't, that both since the Commencement of the warr, and Treaty of Peace he has shown himselfe much more inclinable to favour their Party, then Ours.

Wee thank your hont. &ca. for the mony you Promise to send Us, the Day after the dispatch of your last, wch. wee heartily wish safe arrived for the Land wind have some dayes past blown so prodigiously strong that wee beleive it may be difficult for a Mosula to keep the shore on board. Wee are sorry your Cash is so near being exhausted but hope tho the Howland stay's a little longer than expected, that it will speedily be replenish't by her safe arrival.

Pursuant to your Order that wee shall send the Originall Phirwannas [by] the first secure sea Conveyance that offers, wee now enclose them and have taken Coppy's to remain here, but as they are attested only by our own Mulla and servants wee Question whether they will be authentick, or no, and therefore wee request your hont. &ca. will be pleased to send us Duplucates[*sic*] of 'em, from Fort St. George witnessed by such Persons, as you shall think most proper, that in case any accidt. should happen to the Originals wee may have no Dispute about the Truth hereafter.

Wee are very Glad to hear that the Jane is at last ar[r]ived but very much concerned at the accident that befell her in Rio Janeiro, and wish better Success to our honble. Masters shipping for the future.

Wee are very Glad to hear of the Dobbins arrival and good news of the Conclusion of a Genll. Peace wch. wee were informed of, before receipt of yours from Capt. Richard Gough in the Sevorne, who came in Company from Bombay with her and the London, and anchored in this road yesterday morning, on which ship conformable to your order, and our Promise of sending Bales to you by all secure Conveyances, wee have Loaden one hundred and eight amounting to 11695 Pagds. as ℔ invoice and Bill of Loading enclosed, and wish 'em safe with you and wee hope soon after the arrivall of the Madapollam yatch and Mary Sloop to have Loading Ready for the[m] Likewise. Our merchants Continue to bring in Cloth from Porto Novo as far as we can well expect and wee have now ventured to advise 'em to make use of that Port no more, but bring it directly hither by the usual roads, wch. no Doubt will expedite the Conclusion of their Investment very much tho your hont. &cs. indulgence in advancing 'em ten Thousd. Pagds. at their request, is what will hasten it more than any thing else.

Before the imprisonment of Ensign Reay att Chinjee he was allowed five Pagds. a month as Surveyer of the Honble. Company's Buildings here, wch. since he has not recd. the Benefit of, and now Request wee will restore him to that employ

again w^ch^. wee wont venture to grant him without first having your Hon^r^. &c^a^. Permission, for as Our new works and Hospitall were Comenct and Carryed on without his advice or assistance, we know of no Occasion there is for such a Person here, till you think Convenient to permitt us to build a Factory, & Choultry att Cuddalore when probably he may be wanted.

No Vessell has arrived or passt by, except the abovement^d^. nor has any thing else extraordinary happened between us and Mowbut Cawne, since our last, so we have nothing further to Trouble your Hon^r^. &c^a^. with, but to Assure you wee shall allwayes Endeavour to approve Ourselves.

FORT S^T^. DAVID
JUNE THE 9^TH^. 1712.

HON^BLE^. S^S^. &C^A^.
Your Obedient hum^ble^. Servants
ROB^T^. RAWORTH.
RICHARD FARMER.
JN^O^. BERLU.
RICHARD HARRISON.
MATTHEW WELD.
THOMAS WOOD[W]ARD.

N^O^. 111

TO THE HON^BLE^. EDWARD HARRISON ESQ^R^.
PRESID^T^. AND GOVERNOUR OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE AND S^T^. DAVID &C. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

Our last to your Hon^r^. &c^a^. was on the 9^th^. instant since w^ch^. wee Rec^d^. a Letter from M^r^. Sere^ry^. Mason of the 6^th^. with five Thous^d^. Pag^ds^. for w^ch^. Supply wee returne Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. our Thanks and shall be as good as Possible in the Disbursem^t^. of it, tho Our Paymast^r^. has taken the greatest part of it away already, however with what Drawne on you lately, wee hope to have enough to Defray our Expences another Month before wee Trouble You on that Occasion Again.

Yesterday M^r^. Hebbert sent us four Europeans who have been Prisoners in Chinjee, and were enlarged on the Conclusion of the Peace, tho there was but one of 'em y^t^. properly belongs to this Place, who tells us that he could not Prevail with Careless & his three other Comrades, to returne on M^r^. Raworth's Pardon, and that they might be Compleatly out of our reach went directly for Tanjore with Designe to serve the King of that Country, tho they were almost reduced to Deaths door for want of Provisions, and forct to beg from house to house for what little they Gott, which wee hope will be Discouragem^t^. enough to all Europeans, not to leave the service of their Employers, and fly to the Country Governm^t^. for Protection.

Notwithstanding some Dayes ago one Andrew Middleton deserted from the service here, w^ch^. wee did not advise your hon^r^. &c^a^. before, being in expectation to hear of him at Waldore, Ponticherry, or Porto Novo, but Our Peons are returned without any tidings of him, so wee suppose he is [fled] to Madrass, w[h]ere wee dont doubt but he will Receive the [just] Reward of his Crime.

On the 10^th^. instant Serjeant John Jones belonging to the Guard at Bandipollam, had leave from his officer to come to the Fort and not being heard off till yesterday, wee thought had likewise deserted, but in the Evening wee found his Body by the river side, and suppose he gott Drunk and mistaking the Fort was drounded in his returne to his Post.

The Country all about Us remaines very Quiet and the roads are open according to Sallabad, for all People to pass & repass with their Goods, but wee much fear, wee shant enjoy the same Tranquility when that Troublesome Man Mowbutt Cawne returns to Walldore at w^ch^. Place its reported he is daily expected, & has in Conjunction with the Buxees Interest procured a Present from Surop Sing to the Mediator of Two Towns w^ch^. are valued att One Thous^d^. three hundred Chuckrums Yearly.

On the 10^th^. instant there past by a Deans Sloop bound to Trincombarr, but wee hear nothing of the yatch or any of the other Sloops w^ch^. wee expect from Madrass.

M^r^. Matthew Weld has desired a bill on your Hon^r^. &c^a^. for one hundred and fifty Pag^ds^. payable to M^r^. Edward Ange, w^ch^. being so small a summ wee Presumed to Gratifye his request and Desire your Punctuall Complya[n]ce with it. Wee are

FORT S^T^. DAVID
JUNE THE 13^TH^. 1712.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.
Your most Obed^t^. humb^le^. Servants
ROB^T^. RAWORTH.
RI: FARMER.
JN^O^. BERLU.
RI: HARRISON.
MATTHEW WELD.
THOMAS WOOD[W]ARD.

N^o^. 112

TO THE HON^BLE^. EDWARD HARRISON ESQ^R^.
GOVERN^R^. OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE & PRESID^T^. FOR
AFFAIRS OF THE HON^BLE^. UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS
OF ENGLAND TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES &C^A^. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

Herewith Comes Copy of our last wrote you the 20^th^. last month Overland since w^ch^. on the 5^th^. Currant came to hand yours of y^e^. 21^st^. Ult^o^. by the S^t^. Anna bon Speranca.

Wee are glad to hear ship Heathcote was safe arrived from England and had joyned the Mountague and Litchfeild and are Glad to hear there is no further News of y^e^. French on the Malabar Coast or Ceylon.

Wee are Obliged to you for imparting to us, what Europe News you rec^d^. by the Heathcott and are Concerned to hear that there is no news of the Jane, nor of the New George & Meads Frigott, pray God they be safe, the news of so many of our Hon^ble^. Masters shipping being under so good a Convoy at S^t^. Hellena, is very Acceptable to us, the Janes not being Arrv^d^. & the Mortality on the West Coast makes our Hon^ble^. Masters Affairs look but with an ill aspect there, but that Place being now under your Prudent Management, Question not but that by the Toddinton you will take the needfull Care, wee cant but return you thanks for the News you impart to Us of the Country Shipping on the Malabar Coast.

Do Observe that Cap^t^. Marcus Bufkens is employed by the Companys Joint Stock Merchants and others of your Place on a Voyage to Manilha, & according to your desire shall give him our Countenance.

Wee note your Paragraph wher[e]in you wish wee had sent an answer to what you wrote to us about broad Cloths that you might send it down to Arrive time enough to vend before the arrival of the next Europe Shipping to w^ch^. wee give answer.

In ours of the 30th. of August 1711 ℔ Ship Success wee complained of the mischeifs the Pattans did us, by buying up the broad Cloth at your Place, and sending it down here, & advised you that what broad Cloths you sent us down more then wee should add to the present wee could dispose off, also in ours of the 19th. Sepr. ℔ Ship Presidt. wee advised to the same purpose, & then inclosed a list for what wee should want for the intended Present, One article was for broad Cloths plain and flow[e]red, as many as you can spare, wch. advices wee think was full enough relating to broad Cloth, these advices arriving with you in good time.

Wee are sorry to hear that ye. Troubles att Fort St. Davids still continue, and do note the bravery & Conduct of your Deputy Governour &ca. officers under him in stoutly defending that place when so severely attack'd on all sides, by the Enemy, do hope the Treaty wch. you have on Foot by the mediation of Monsr. Herbert may be soon and honourably compleated, wee are afraid Mr. Roberts will hardly be able to make our honble. Mastrs. reparation for the damage they have sustained by his ill Practices.

Wee did in our former Letters advise you of the death of the King at wch. time we advised you of ye. then reports since wch. they have been so very various, that at one time one Prince has been on the Throne sometimes another, but by all wee can find, there is nothing of a Certainty, on the 22d. inst. wee recd. a Lettr. from Messrs. Pattle & Frankland at Patna of the 13th. Do. the Paragraph of news wch. wee recd. from them, wee now enclose to wch. refer, as yet all is quiet in Bengall, but as you may perceive, by the Paragraph of the Patna Letters that they may likely have Troubles there, at wch. place both ourselves and the Dutch have given our Dadney for [P]etre and other goods, Pray God our Honble. Masters may not be sufferers, the Prince att Pattna that has set up for King is second son to Azremoshan who resided so many years in Bengall, notwithstanding wee are att present so quiet here, yet those in Governmt. are in so great a surprise that they know not what to do none of them daring to acknowledge, who is King, those who being in the Interest of any of the late Emperors Sons dare not openly confess it for fear of incurring the displeasure of the Young King who is set up at Patna, the said Kings Freinds is generally thought will decline him for want of Treasure, will not be in a Condition to maintain so great a force as he will have Occasion for to maintain his Pretentions.

The Merchants here are also in no less Consternation being very fearfull, to venture their money, in the Aurungs being apprehensive, that the young King at Patna may on the approach of his Uncle's Army be forced to entreat into Bengall wch. if should happen its not impossible but that they'll Plunder wherever they Come.

Affairs appearing att present wth. so ill an aspect puts us by our measures, in acquainting you, what Provision wee shall be able to make against the next shipping, in the first place, tis very unlikely that wee shall have any Petre from Patna this season considering wch. wee sent to [H]ugly to buy up all the ready money Petre that was to be had, but found none procurable, wee are informed that a quantity belonging to a black merchant att Cassimbuzr. is to be disposed off and have accordingly wrote to Mr. Hedges to buy it all up, but att present know not what success he has had, there is in Town about 1000 mds. but held up at so great a price by the Owner, that att present wee dont think fitt to Comply knowing that it cant be sold from us, the Quantity wee have by us in our Godowns is 5560 Mds. by wch. you'll perceive that wee shall not have any more Petre, than what will be Kintlage for our own shipping, as for peice Goods wee have by us 200 bales, and there is in our own warehouse Sundry sorts of Goods belonging to merchants wch. are yet Unprized wch. will make 100 more, & are comeing down from Rajahmaull belonging to the merchants, about 100 bales more; for wch. wee have sent a good force to bring them down, wch. wth. the 400 Bales wee expect You'll send us, in Return for those sent you ℔ the Derby will make 800 bales so that if the worst of Troubles should happen wth. the help of a few more bales wch. wee are in hopes of getting in a month or two wee shall be able to dispatch One Ship of about 450 Tons, this is all wch. att present wee can be assured off and should the Country remain as quiet as it is wee cant then be possitive wt. more wee can do.

During these Troubles the mint has been shet [*sic*] up and so likely to Continue, till all things are quiet w^ch^. occasions rupees to be very scarce, and silver to be very Cheap not being able to procure more than 200 Siccas, for 240 Sicca w^tt^. for w^ch^. reasons, wee desire that you'll send what Dollars comes to your Port for this Place, Coined in rupees the next month; wee shall write you againe.

Had an Overplus of broad Cloth come downe from your Place more then wee should have had Occasion for for the present wee could have disposed of it at y^e^. same rate as wee did y^e^. Derby's but having by severall Ships advised our hon^ble^. Masters y^e^. quan^t^. that this place can take off to w^ch^. this year expect an answer, do suppose they'll Supply us w^th^. what this Place can vend.

Wee are

FORT WILLIAM

APRILL THE 27^TH^. 1712.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

Your most hum^ble^. Servants

JOHN RUSSELL.
ABRA: ADDAMS.
WILL: LOYD.
SAMUEL FEAKE.
JAMES WILLIAMSON.
JOHN DEANE.

No. 113th.

TO THE HON^BLE^. EDWARD HARRISON ESQ^R^.
PRESID^T^. & GOVERN^R^. &C^A^. COUNCILL FOR
AFFAIRS OF THE HON^BLE^. UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS
OF ENGLAND TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES IN FORT S^T^. GEORGE.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

I wrote Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. y^e^. 30^th^. March accompanying a Packett from the hon^ble^. Govern^r^. & Councill in Fort Will^m^. w^ch^. I hope Long ere this is come to hand.

These are to forward another Packett from the hon^ble^. Govern^r^. and Councill of Calcutta w^ch^. I wish a quick Passage to your Hon^r^. &c^a^., here is nothing of news att present only the Arrival of the Maldiva Ships, but w^th^. bad Success in their Undertakings, w^t^.ever news offers, I shall punctually advise your hon^r^. of, and am with my respects

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

BALLASORE, MAY THE 5^TH^. 1712.

Your Obliged hum^ble^. Serv^t^.

RICH: ACTON.

No. 114th.

TO THE HON^BLE^. EDWARD HARRISON ESQ^R^.
PRESID^T^. & GOVERN^R^. FOR AFFAIRS OF THE
R^T^. HON^BLE^. UNITED ENG^S^. E. I. COMPANY &C^A^.
COUNCILL IN FORT S^T^. GEORGE.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

This Accompanys Bengall Letters just now Rec^d^. and the 21^st^. Ult^o^. wee acknowledged Receipt of yours of y^e^. 3^d^. by Munchue w^th^. 6000 Pag^ds^. Wee have advanced to our Merchants 7000 Pagodas to bring in Goods to the said amount in

about 2 months time of w^ch^. 2000 pag^ds^. in Sallampores & 1000 Pag^ds^. in Long Cloth & Sailcloth, they assure us are ready in the Country & y^e^. weavers hard att work for the remainder & they wait only for a little Peace & Quietness that Cunshum Lingana may go to hasten the whole to Vizagapatam w^ch^. wee hope will be in a few dayes.

The Dutch at Dacheroon try what they can hinder our Ingerom Investment, by advancing to the weaver Raising the Prizes of Goods & bringing the merchants & Weavers under Obligation to serve them. Nevertheless the Rajahs Favours & Great Promises give a good Prospect of Success in our affairs & in few dayes wee hope to hear y^t^. M^r^. Faucett has secured to the amount of 300 Pagodas sent him & that wee shall have encouragement to keep him supplyed with money for Goods of that part of y^e^. investm^t^. & more if the Troubles hinder Goods comeing in according to expectation in these parts.

Another Pegue ship belonging to Yeagapa Jentue Merchant Charles Metclaf Master is arrived here.

Habid Cawne and the Rajahs are still at same Variance & Fuckerle Cawne is gone to the Southward to bring Succours to these Rajahs & wee suppose a Power for himselfe to head them.

Wee most Respectfully Subscribe

VIZAGAPATAM
THE 4^TH^. JUNE 1712.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.
Y^r^. most Obedient Hum^ble^. Ser^vts^
FRA^S^. HASTINGS.
ROB^T^. CRANWELL.

P.S.

M^r^. Harris is very ill w^th^. a pain supposed y^e^. symtome of an imposthume w^ch^. is a great hinderance to our writing Business. IDEM.

F. HASTINGS.
ROB^T^. CRANWELL.

No. 115th.

TO THE HON^BLE^. EDWARD HARRISON ESQ^R^.
PRESID^T^. FOR R^T^. HON^BLE^. COMPANY
GOVERNOUR OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE &C^A^. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

In my former gave your hon^r^. notice of my writing to Upper Row to pass our Affairs at Customaine Dutch having done the same; Due being under him.

Our Peons returned the 10^th^. curr^t^. at night w^th^. a very civill answer; & his dusticke to pass all our affairs, according to Sallam Sallabad not honouring the Dutch with his Dusticke.

Here enclosed comes his Lett^r^. Your Hon^r^. please to read y^e^. Contents; according to your Order shall Act; entreat your hon^r^. give a speedy answer, y^e^. 6^th^. Curr^t^. our Peons delivered my Lett^r^. to him, than came Fakeir Cawn with four men in Company to Upper Row; Suppose he has left Habbit Cawne.

I expect two of Upper Row's Servants here, shall speedily give your hon^r^. Acc^t^. of their message; I humbly Crave Leave

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

METCHLEPATAM
THE 11^TH^. JUNE 1712.

Y^r^. most Obedient Servant
PHILIP NODEN

P.S.

Just now his Servant came, his Master humbly entreats your honr. to lett him have six Guns Saytor boare Long yt. carry six or seven pd. ball: also your honr. to send with them ball & Powder; Powder hee wants much, he further acquaints mee in wt. manner yr. Honrs. People to have Dew, hee is willing to agree, desiring a Constant freindship with your honr. he entreats your honr. to favour him with ½ a peice of extraordinary fine scarlet this man will keep true freindship with your honr. I humbly entreat your honr. to Give a speedy answer.

HONBLE. SR. &CA.

Yr. most Obedient Servant

PHILIP NODEN.

No. 116th.

TO THE HONBLE. EDWARD HARRISON ESQR.

PRESIDT. AND GOVERNR. OF FORT ST. GEORGE AND ST. DAVID &CA. COUNCILL.

HONBLE. SR. &CA.

Wee have bin honrd. wth. none from you since our last to you of the 13th. inst. nor have wee any business of great importance to write you at present, & cheifly Trouble yr. honr. &ca. with this to advise you that Charles Careless, Henry Storey, Thomas Diggens, and John Gregory, the four deserters, who Refused to Come to Pondicherry, and seemed resolved to go to Tanjore were so necessitated & Unkindly Used by the Country People that after they had got the length of Chillambrum they altred their minds and thought it would be much bettr. for 'em to put themselves under the Protection of the Dutch at Porto Novo, and there Sollicit for their Pardons wch. accordingly they did and yesterday evening Mr. Raworth having Gratifyed 'em, at the intercession of the Cheife there, they all four Returned to their Duty but without any Cloaths, and so very lean, that they were realy misirably Objects, and no doubt will tell such story's to their Comrades, that should they be inclinable to Desert, the thoughts of their Treatmt. amongst the Moors, will Deter 'em from it.

The Juncanneers at Cunimeer not having Recd. their usual Tashereef since the Commencement of the Warr, have desired Our permission to Come for it wch. wee shall defer Consenting to till wee know from your honr. &ca. whither they have not had it from Fort St. George.

Wee are informed from Chinjee that the Buxee has been so Politick as to remove both Laula Beerza and Mowbitt Cawn from Surop Sings Favour and that he has likewise procured the Government of Waldore, wch. wee are very Glad of, for by report he is a good man, and well affected to Us and engaged so heartily in this warr, for no other reason but because Mowbitt Cawn, who pretended to be very acquainted wth. our Constitutions Assured him, it would in the end bring no less then three Lack of Rupees into Surop Sings Treasury, as for the Duan he still remains att Tanjore, and has Said he is resolved in his Return to Come by the Sea side.

Sloop Ramah Arrived here yesterday from Fort St. George, but wee hear nothing o[f] the Yatch or Mary, both wch. Vessels, wee are in dayly expectation off.

This is all we have to impart to your honr. &ca. att present more then to assure you Wee are

FORT Sr. DAVID
JUNE THE 16TH. 1712.

HONBLE. Sr. &cA.
Yr. most Obedt. humble. Servts.
ROBT. RAWORTH.
RICHARD FARMER.
RICHARD HARRISON.
MATTHEW WELD.
THOMAS WOOD[W]ARD.

No. 117th.

TO THE HONBLE. EDWARD HARRISON ESQR.
PRESIDT. & GOVERNR. &cA. COUNCILL.

HONBLE. Sr. &cA.

The 28th. Ultº. (the first Letters from hence) was dispatched to your honr. &c this comes on acct. Brampore People who have waited here abt. a month & are sti secured till some Orders comes about 'em, their last Resolution is, to sell the Chints to us, as formerly, nine Pagds. [℔Corge] wch. if not liked they will go t the Dutch, who have hunted after 'em there 3 months another year they'll let u have 'em cheaper, but now by reason Ordinary Cloth is dear they say, they ca not, this 9 Pagds. ℔ Corge is our merchants Price to be sorted by that Metchlep' Muster or that sent to Vizagapatam usual length & breadth if these 10 Familye goe away, wee cant get any made being a different Chey understood only by thos that Come out of the Brampore Country, & wee have certain intelligence that al those People at Metchlepatam as well as in these parts, are under Bonds to serv only the Dutch, they will undertake to make 5000 ps. by November next.

Our Cloth comes daily in, & wt. money Narso gives out to the weavers, thi Rojer makes the head men of every Towne, sign to an Obligation, as well as th weavers, wch. runs in the English Name hence comes 26 Towns bound to see ou Goods come in & secure us from not losing one Pagoda.

Our Pettipolee Weavers are making new Musters of all sorts of Chey Goods when done Our Merchants will tell their Prices.

This Rojar went yesterday to Peddaporam called to a Consultation there relating to Habbid Cawne & Anad Rows difference, both of 'em having sent for Forces, the Phauzdar of Dasheroone Solliciting in the Behalf of the Former & Fuckerla Cawn who came a few dayes ago for the Latter, this Rojar who is left Riaperow Cheife Counsellr. & Managr. of affairs is for Trading in Timerose's Foot steps in Paying the Kings Money & be as little Concerned with differences as possible.

A Convenient Place situated nigh the Banks of the Great river, is given us by tying of leaves as Customary wch. lyes just without the Town and all materials (such as these Parts affords) for a dwelling House, Godowns &ca. Necessary's houses are also promised to be given us, some Posts are ready come in cut, & 4 Towns are appointed to see all finished wth. expedition.

Upon our Arrival here the Dutch made their Second Number of Ordy. L. Cloth and Sallampores, their first & their 3d. Numbers, the 2d. & have lately advanced amongest the Weavers 13000 Pads. at 2 times, in giving out the last 5000 Cotton rise at once from 20 Pagds. to 25 Pagds. ℔ Candy.

INGERAM
JUNE THE 12TH. 1712.

HONBLE Sr. &cA.
Yr. most Obedient Servant
THOMAS FAUCETT.

No. 118th.

To the Hon^ble. Edward Harrison Esq^r.
President. & Governa. of Fort St. George & St. David &c^a. Councill.

Hon^ble. S^r. &c^a.

Our last to your honr. &ca. was on the 16th. inst. since which wee have not been favoured with any from you.

Wee have loaden on Sloop Rañah Forty three Bales of Callicoes for w^ch. bill of Lading & Invoice are enclosed amounting to 2719 Pagodas, w^ch. wee wish safe with you, and Desire you'll be pleased to Return the Vessel as soon as she is Unloaded.

The News of the Buxees having put Mowbut Cawne, & Laula Beersa out of Surop Sings favour, is from all hands Confirmed to us, and that he'll have the Governm^t. of this Country, which gives us hopes he'll prove a better Neighbour to us than his Predecessor and that wee shall have no Disputes with him.

The Duan still continues in the Tanjore Country, and is skirmishing with the People of Chutenopolee, but has entirely subdued Chilla Naigue who with his Family was got into a small Fort, w^ch. being advised of, sent a Party of men and surrounded it, on which after holding out against them a few dayes, they Surrundered themselves Prisoners.

There has since our last to you past by this road on the 19th. inst. a Dutch Briggantine from Pollicat bound to Negapatam, and on the 21st. another belonging to the Danes from Madrass but last from Pondicherry bound to Trincombar and there is now in sight to the Northward a sloop which we suppose to be the Mary, yet wee can neither hear of or see the Madapollam Yatch.

Wee wish Success to all your Undertakings and are with Due Respects

Hon^ble. S^r. &c^a.

Y^r. most Obedient hum[ble.] Servants

Fort S^t. David
June the 25th. 1712.

Rob^t. Raworth.
Rich: Farmer.
Jn^o. Berlu.
Rich: Harrison.
Matthew Weld.
Thomas Wood[w]ard.

No. 119th.

To the hon^ble. Edward Harrison Esq^r.
President & Governour of Fort S^t. George & S^t. David &c^a. Councill.

Hon^ble. S^r. &c^a.

Since our last to your honr. &ca. of the 25th. inst. wee have been favoured with yours of the 24th. by w^ch. wee perceive the Madapollam Yatch is out of Danger, and safe arrived in your Road, and wee now have the Satisfaction to advise you that the sloop wee saw to the Northward, and supposed to be the Mary proved the same vessel which wee have brought into the River, and laid ashore designing as soon as she is Cleaned to dispatched [*sic*] her to you full Loaden with bales and wee hope those sent on sloop Rañah are safe arrived.

Wee thank you for honouring our two bills payable to M^r. Edward Ange the amount of w^ch. wee dont Doubt he'll receive when he has Occasion for it and wee shall be sure, when you send Us attested Copy's of Surop Sings Original Phirwannas to take particular care of them.

We Congratulate M^r. Colletts recovery from his indisposition, & wish both him and the Toddington a safe arrival to the West Coast, not Doubting w^th. your Encouragement, and his prudent Managem^t. Our masters affairs will be put in a better Condition than they have for some years past been.

Your Honr. &ca. have a right Notion of Mr. Ellil our Gunner who has indeed not only a promising ingenious towards building, but many other usefull Art, and wee dont beleive he will Grudge to follow the Orders of his Superiours, whenever they Command him, and he is Qualifyed to Obey him, wee are very Glad that the Meddall he has sent you of our Bounds, gives you so much Pleasure and satisfaction.

The three Europeans who Returned wth. the only Deserter belonging to us from Ponticherry style themselves Germains tho wee beleive them to be of a Lower Country, they came ashore here from the Maldeva Ships, & being fearfull, had they taken service with us, wee should have returned 'em on Mr. Calverts Demands, they went as far as they could inland, till our Enemy seized them after wch. they were Configned in the Same Dungeon with Careless &ct. and returned in as weak a Condition to Us [. . .] men behave themselves very regularly, and if its our misfortune to try their Courage wee hope they'll behave themselves so as to merritt Promotion.

Careless, Diggens, Storey & Grogory shall be sent you by the first secure Conveyance, but since they have recd. Mr. Raworths Pardon, on intercession of the Dutch Cheife at Porto Novo, he hopes you wont Oblige him to violate his Faith not only on his own acct. but for the ill Consequences wch. may hereafter attend it for tho your Honr. &ca. is come to an agreemt. wth. ye. Governr. of Negapatam, to returne Deserters, and both leave them to their mercy, yet neither the French or Moores, have Consented to the same Tirms, so that if its once publish't what little regard he has to such solemn things wee much fear, any Soldier who in Drink or on a Caprice may happen to desert, will never returne to his Duty againe tho wee dont Doubt, but the miserable Condition those poor fellowes came back in will Deter all that keep themselves in their sences, from Treading in their Paths.

The Country about us still remains Quiet and wee hope it will Continue so, tho wee have a great deal of reason to Doubt the truth of the report formerly advised your honr. &ca. of, about the Buxees having turned Laulla Beerza, & Mowbutt Cawne out of favour for the Latter is Certainly comeing into these parts again, having wrote to desire wee will send him the Paggentary belonging to Trepopilore Pagoda designing to make a Feast, according to his Yearly Customes at Trevindeparum, and that he may'nt be disappointed of them, he has requested the mediator to use his Interest with Mr. Raworth, wch. he has not absolutely denyed him, but requested the Favour of the Mediator to write him in return, that he's not insensible who wee are subordinate too, and that such a Lisence is not to be procured without an immediate application to your honr. &ca. or him, to wch. no ansr. is as yet recd. tho wee expect it dayly, and think it a thing of the highest importance, to the Honble. Company's Interest, wee should make these People sensible that wee are not Subject to the Yoke of France.

Wee have According to your Direction given the usual Tashereefs to the Juncaneers of Conimeer, and Mercawn upon wch. those impudent Fellows of Boomapollam and Avashewack came and demanded those they annually used to receive for the time wee have been engaged in a warr with their master, but wee made them ashamed of themselves for making so unreasonable a Demand, and sent them back to their Station Empty handed.

Wee hear nothing newer then what formerly advised you of, the Towns given the French by Surop Sing nor is that report Contradicted, the names of them are Chinjeecopang, & Koteecopang, and they lye as wee are told Northwest of Ponticherry, between that Place and Boomapollam.

Wee now enclose to you our Merchts. Acct. Currant by wch. your honr. &ca. will Perceive wt. remains due to them account the Callicoes we have Embaled, besides wch. there is an Acct. annext of what lyes in the washers hands, both wch. Sums added together will make us their Debtors upwards of Thirty Thousand Pagodas wch. they yesterday in Consultation desired might be sent them hither according to Custom, not payed to their Order in Fort St. George, for that they think it a little hard, they should run two risks these Troublesome times, the One of their money, and Goods in their Government to the Southward and the other of the amt. of the Latter so farr northward as it is from Fort St. George to this Place, which they

hope your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. will take into your Consideration, and on the Receipt of the first Supply they p[r]omise to have finished their Contract in fiveteen dayes in mean time, the Deputy Govern^{r}. will Contribute what lyes in his Power to make them easy, tho wee have not Cash enough by us to defray our last months Expences.

Conformable to our Promise made you wee would endeavour what Possible to encrease our revenues & Lessen our Expences on y^{e}. 3^{d}. Ult^{o}. wee signified at all publick Gates of the Town, that your Bounds would be lett out by the last of said Month at w^{ch}. time the Old Renters Cowl Expired but to our great Concern not one Soul, besides themselves appeared to bid for them and the utmost Sum wee could bring them too was Two Thousand five hundred Chuckrums tho before they gave Five Thousand five hundred wee prest them what possible wee could to make them advance, but found it ineffectual the Reasons they gave for it are these.

That it will Cost them a Thousand Chuckrums to repair the Mold, and Ditch it at Trivind[a]parum.

That the Juncan w^{ch}. used to amount to, when the Place was in Prosperity One Thousand five hundred Chuckrums annually, will not proudu[c]e now a third of that Sum and next our inhabitants are most of them deserted at least those who were most Capable to Renting the Villages under them, and Plowing their Ground who it is impossible they could procure to return before the Expiration of this year, and wee have refused to let it for a longer time by reason of the lowness of their Offers.

So that wee have deferred Comeing to a Conclusion in this affair till wee know your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. Pleasure w^{ch}. we desire you'll be pleased to advise us as soon as you shall think Convenient.

Wee have Pursuant to your Order Examined M^{r}. Weld about the Complaint of M^{rs}. Ann Hunt inhabitant of Fort S^{t}. George against him to your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. as Heir to her Daughter Williamson deceased who he brings indebted to him by his Acc^{t}. to w^{ch}. he offers to take his Oath fourteen Pagodas, and sayes he took Possession of her Effects by Virtue of a request from her when she was given Over by the Doctor, but wee shant enlarge more on this Subject he having as he tells us wrote you at large upon it by a Boat, on w^{ch}. he has sent the Effects [M^{rs}.] Hunt Desires, and only Requests us to interceede [with] your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. that you'll be pleased before you [delv^{r}.] them to oblige the said M^{rs}. Hunt to pay him what you shall esteem his Due.

On the 29th. Ult^{o}. there past by a Ship w^{ch}. wee took to be about Three hundred Tunn, and just now anchored in Cuddalore road a Dutch Sloop from Sadrass bound to Negapatam.

This is all we have to impart to your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. att present, nor should wee have been so long silence but that M^{r}. Raworth has been much indisposed.

Wee wish Y^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. Success in all your Publick and Private Undertakings, And Are

Fort S^{t}. David
July 1st. 1712.

Hon^{ble}. S^{r}. &c^{a}.
Your most Obedient hum^{ble}. Servants
Robert Raworth.
Rich: Farmer.
Jn^{o}. Berlu.
Rich: Harrison.
Matthew Weld.
Thomas Wood[w]

No. 120

[To the Hon^{ble}. Edward Harrison Esq^{r}.
Presid^{t}. & Gov^{r}. of Fort S^{t}. George &c^{a}. Councill.]

Hon^{ble}. S^{r}. &c^{a}.

I am mightily surprised and as much concerned to Peruse your hon^{r}. &c^{a}. Paragraph against me relating to M^{rs}. Hunt who I presume has very unjustly traduced me as I humbly hope your hon^{r}. &c^{a}. after Considering my reasons will please Approve of, w^{ch}. I submissively refer to your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. better Judgment.

When Mr. Williamson Dyed he [. . .] man and myself [. . .] Effects wch. wee jointly Discharged to her Satisfaction, and she being the sole heir we had nothing to doe but follow her directions, which wee did accomplish, and her mother importuning her to come to Madrass, she had resolved so to do she being advised by her mother, and not Careing to be incombered wth. to much Lumber begged for Gods sake I would take charge and dispose of them, I was very unwilling and feigned severall excuses, but she so mightily urged me that she could find no sole to help her unless I would be so Charitable, wch. att last I consented to undertake her Request, and likewise advanced her money ther[e]on in the Interim as she was preparing to be gone fell sick and fearing her own Death begged I would be so kind to receive what odd things she had left, and send them her mother, wch. I could not possitivelly disingage myselfe of as having before part of her effects, which was sent by her to my house, all her Servants can testifye the Same, as now they remaine, Indeed I took no Inventory but that they are now as when first Sealed up humbly Presume can disposite my Oath when Required.

This I hope will justifie my Power to Act, as her Substitu[t]e & Satisfie your Honr. &ca. that I have not been so inconsiderate, as to precipitate myself into any such Labyrinth unadvisedly as Mrs. Hunt is pleased most unkindly to remonstrate.

As likewise with due Submission to Yr. Honr. &ca. immediately advised her of the Death of her Daughter, and that I would exicute her orders about the Effects, advising the Doctr. would atac[h] the Goods for 6 Pagds. for his Physick, instead off answer[ing] me wrote the Worspll. [Deputy Govr.] to send her things and never answered my severall Letters wch. I hope your Honr. &ca. will Conster [*sic*], a peice of ill [manner] and Pardon me if I any wayes Retorted on such Treat[mt.] as to tell her I deserved more thanks for my Pains [. . .] if she would remove her Daughter to gett some[body] else, wch. was the most Scurilous Expressions I wrote her, I humbly Refer all to your Honr. &ca. more judicious Judgement.

I have sent on board this Boat he[r] Goods that I might as near as possible Conforme to you[r] Honr. &ca. Injunctions wch. I hope will indemnifie me for the in[tend]ed asspartion of Mrs. Hunt, wtn. whom I am unwilling to hold any Contest, as I am heartily sorry for the fatall Occasion of this, but as I dont despaire of your honr. &cas. more favourable Construction, shall content myselfe to Rely on yr. Honr. &ca. Good Opinion of what translated herein, and [may] sincerely rely on your Honr. &ca. Generosity for the Ballance of her acct. wch. comes enclosed Submitting to your Honr. &ca. Goodness to Reimburst the Ballance due before the Goods are Delivered.

Humbly beg Pardon for this Trouble given your Honr. &ca. but the Concerne that accompanys me, for being so much abused, I hope will plead in my Behalf, especially when I Consider your Honr. &ca. most equitable Justice I make bold to Conclude with hearty Prayers for your Honr. &ca. healths and Prosperity Craving most Submissively Leave to subscribe Respectfully

Fort St. David — Honble. Sr. &ca.

July the 2d. 1712. — Your most Obedt. Oblgd. & most humble. Servt.

Matthew Weld.

No. 121

To the Honble. Edward Harrison Esqr.
Presidt. & Govern. of Fort St. George & St. David.

Honble. Sr. &ca.

Our last to your Honr. &ca. was on the 1st. instant [since] wch. wee wrote a private Lettr. to the Honble. Presidt. by Ensigne Hobbs, who went from hence on fryday last in the Evening and wee hope by this time is safe arr[i]vd. in Fort St. George.

There has past by on the 1st. instant a Dutch Sloop, wch. wee suppose to be bound to Negapatam thô our Cattamaran could not Reach her, and yesterday a Briggantine, and a Galliott belonging to the Danes bound to Fort St. George at wch. time Sloop Ramah Anchod. here from that Port, which wee now return your

Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. again, and have loaden her 37 Bales Acc^{tt}. the Hon^{ble}. Company amounting to as ℔ invoice and bill of Loading enclosed 2433 Pag^{ds}. w^{ch}. wee wish safe arriv^{d}. with you, and request you'll be pleased after she is unloaden, to give her as Quick a Dispatch as you did last Trip.

By nine Dutch ships arrived at Negapatam from Batavia, M^{r}. Raworth rec^{d}. a Letter from a Gentleman there, Dated 10th. of May advising him there was then at an Anchor in that Port four English Ships belonging to the private Traders of Madrass and Bengall, and that there was a ship Arrived from Holland w^{ch}. had been 12 months in her Passage, but to our great Concerne he makes no mention of the Howland w^{ch}. we begin now to think a missing ship, we have it Confirmed [. . .] the two Villages mentioned in our last to the Me[diator] and y^{t}. Ramnaudu Mudalee their Vokeel at Chinjee daily expected down with the Cowl for 'em, tho M^{r}. [Herbert] in a Letter to his Correspondent here, writes he knows no such thing, and if that such a Present is made [him] he has Generosity enough to Assigne 'em afterwards over to the English Company, whither this is spoken with the sincerity of a French man, or man of hon^{r}. we wont pretend to say, since a short time will Con[vince] w^{ch}. of the two it is, for he will Certainly in few dayes [be] put in Possession of 'em.

The Mary was so out of Repair that wee are not able yet to finish her defects, and get her into the water, but before the expiration of this [week] wee hope to send her to you full Loaden wth. Bales and are with the Profoundest Respect

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
JULY 7TH. 1712.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.
Your most Obed^{t}. hum^{ble}. Serv^{ts}.
ROB^{T}. RAWORTH.
RICH: FARMER.
JN^{O}. BERLU.
RICH: HARRISON.
MATTHEW WELD.
THOMAS WOOD[W]ARD.

No. 122

TO THE HON^{BLE}. EDWARD HARRISON ESQ^{R}.
PRESID^{T}. AND GOVERN^{R}. OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE & S^{T}. DAVID &C^{A}. COUNCILL.

[HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.]

Our last to your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. was by sloop Rammah of y^{e}. 7th. instant, by which Conveyance wee sent you Thirty Seven Bales which wee hope are safe Arrived.

Since w^{ch}. on the 9th. wee Rec^{d}. your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. of y^{e}. 6th. to w^{ch}. wee shall now give the needfull Reply.

We hear nothing more of Chela Naigue nor the Duan then w^{t}. formerly advised You so cant be Sure whether our information, Relating to y^{e}. former was true, or no, but if your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. hears of his escaping into the Misore Country, be fact wee are of Opinion he'll hardly be a Prisoner againe for these People who have frequented and lived in y^{e}. most Secret parts of y^{e}. woods are not very easily discovered, when they think Convenient to abscond more especially when they have no Retinue with them.

The Reason that Ours of y^{e}. 1st. ins^{t}. happened to be so long in its passage to Y^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. did not proceed from the Tardiness of y^{e}. Tappys but upon its being dated the Day it was wrote foul, and as Usual it was y^{e}. next Morning before it could be Transcribed fair, and sent round to all the Gentlemen to signe, but for y^{e}. future wee shall Observe your Directions, and write on y^{e}. Outside of our Packetts the Day and hour of their Dispatch, [by] which means your hon^{r}. &c^{a}. will know whether [the] Tappys doe their Duty's or no.

Sloop Mary is not yet in the water, thô to day she'll be afloat, and tomorrow [we] hope rigged, and over the Barr, when She shall [with] the utmost expedition be dispatched to you, According to Our Promise Loaden with Bales.

Wee are sorry the ignorance of the Transcriber of that Letter should put your hon^{r}. &c^{a}. to the Trouble of writing a Paragraph upon it, wee all assure your hon^{r}. wee Read it before wee signed itt & M^{r}. Raworth particularly say's for himselfe th[at] he showed that very Error w^{ch}. he Ordered him to Recti[fie] before he gave it the Secretary to send about, but it seem[s] he forgott it, the moment he was out of Sight, and wee shant for the future trust to him to Rectifie such Errors any more.

Had wee known of the Agreement your hon^{r}. &c^{a}. had made with the Dutch at Negapata. you may be sure nothing should have induced us to Grant our Deserters a Pardon, for as we are sufficiently Convinc't that it was not their inclinations, but Necessity brought 'em back, we reckon Ourselves v'ry little obliged to them for their Return, and are ther[e]fore very farr from being inclinable to spare 'em, nor shall they if wee can Catch em in a fault before they leave this Place, faile of Receiving the Punishm^{t}. they have meritted ℔ticularly Careless who have twice Committed the Same Crime, and was the Person who enticed the Others away wth. him, M^{r}. Raworth acknowlodges [*sic*] himselfe very much Obliged to your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. for the Regard you Promise to have for the Pardons wee shall Grant such People, w^{ch}. it does not Signifie, if y^{e}. Moors, or French knows whether wee Observe, or no, but our Souldiers themselves for they will never force a Man to Returne to his Duty, unless he voluntarily Offers it, and when they are Eyes Witnesses, how little notice wee take of y^{e}. Promises made them under our hands it may enduce them to Ramble allwayes out of our Reach but as your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. takes notice; if wee are not much necessitated for men, the best Method of Punishing People of those Rambling Dispositions will be never to Receive em into Service again.

Wee have ask't M^{r}. Farmer w^{t}. he knows relating to the justness of Michael Brockitts Complaint about his Pay from the time he left Bencoolen till his Arrivall at Fort S^{t}. David, who says he knows nothing of y^{e}. matter, his behaviour here has been but very indifferent, for Cap^{t}. Roach tells us, that in y^{e}. Action of Witchmeer he brought him twice from amongest the Peons, who were all running away, since which he did serjeants Duty in the Fort, where he was Commonly Drunk, and after severall other Repeated Crimes, the last he Comitted, was leaveing his Post, without his Officers order and Absenting himselfe in Cuddalore for two dayes w^{ch}. was the reason his Holbert was taken from him, after w^{ch}. he grew so very Sollicitous for his Discharge, that M^{r}. Raworth knowing his Qualifications, at last gave it him.

The nex[t] time Mahobutt Cawne send for the furniture of Trepopilore Pagoda, his Request shall be granted, nor will wee ever Deny any that he in reason can ask of us, but use all prudent means Possible to Engage his Friendship, by sometimes writing him a Letter when wee have no Business with him, and at other times sending him a Pres^{t}. of small value, when wee have no favour to ask which wee hope will make him ready to serve us, when wee have real Occasion for his assistance, he is not returned as yet into these Parts, nor doe wee hear when he will, or is there any more talk about his being removed from Surop Sings favour, but yesterday Our Spy sent us a peice of strange News from Ponticherry that the French Vokeele came away from Chinjee incognito, and tho M^{r}. Hebbert had very much Obliged the Buxee yet Surrup Sing was displeased and would Grant 'em no Towns, because he had not Performed his Promise & Obliged us to Demolish our Out works.

Wee Summoned our Merchants into Consultation to know what was the Reason they imposed upon us so grosely as to Desire us to write your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. to send them the Ballance of their Acc^{t}. here, when at the same time they had directed their Factors to Receive it at Fort S^{t}. George from you who say they did not mean the fiveteen Thousand Pagodas your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. Promised to pay according to their Order when some of them were wth. you, but the residue w^{ch}. they still insist upon Receiving here, and since there is so many Risques by Sea, and Land wee shalll endeavour to Gratifie them as far as possible, by procuring the amount to be paid

them here, and giving bills on your Hon^r^. &c^a^. for it w^ch^. shall be worded as you Direct, and the hands of some of the Principall of them putt to it, that y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. may know, wee now enclose a List of the Names of both Setts Old, and New.

Wee have been far from being backward, in letting them know as often as necessary how bad their Cloth was, and what Great Complaints were made of it, not only by your Hon^r^. &c^a^. but from England likewise & that they must be no more employed, if they did not serve the Hon^ble^. Company better than formerly, w^ch^. they allwayes promised Us they would, and doe still urge that their Cloth in Generall is when brown as good as that of Madrass and it is not their fault if after its Delivered the washerman they dont doe their Duty as well as those there, w^ch^. indeed we cant bring em too, tho we have used both Threats, fair Promises & blowes none of w^ch^. will avail and ther[e]fore wee cant help being of opinion that its possible for Cloth to be cured here, so well as w^th^. you tho wee will once more try what is to be done, when wee receive your Hon^r^. &c^a^. Promise us for a Patterne & if possible make 'em imitate it.

Tis a great Concern to us that you make so many heavy Complaints against our sortments and the partys Concerned doe Declare they have to the best of their Judgements followed the musters rec^d^. from Fort S^t^. George, some of whom are old standers in the Godowne and have for a great many years been accustomed to y^t^. Business but M^r^. Wood[w]ard is not att present acquainted with it and shall doe no more there for y^e^. future, till he has better informed his Judgement, wee summoned him to take a share of that Trouble in Obedience to a standing Order from Fort S^t^. George on the Union of y^e^. two Companys that all the Councill should Sort, and as Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. thought Convenient to send him down in that Station wee could not till wee had tryed him tell but he was compleatly Qualified to doe all the Business belonging to it, wee shall take all imaginable Care to amend such Errors for the future, and M^r^. Raworth Promises Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. allwayes to be present in the Sorting Godowne, unless other Business calls him away, and putt the Gentlemen in mind, how farr it will be necessary for the Preservation of the Hon^ble^. Company's, and Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. Favour that the Cloth be even Sorted free from Fray's, and as possible as near like the Musters.

As the Contract is not Concluded so wee sort the Merchants Cloth as they bring it in without Considering of what Specie it is, but have not, nor did wee ever designe to take a larger Proportion of any, of their Goods then what Contracted for, and to Convince Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. wee now enclose an acc^t^. of what Remains to be brought in, what Rec^d^. & Embaled & what Originally Contracted for w^ch^. the Ware-housekeeper allwayes lay's before the Deputy Governour for his Guidance in that Business.

If the old Renters have used any Clandestine means to prevent other People from bidding upon them, wee are altogether Straingers to it, and have made the strictest enquiry possible, to find if there is any truth in that Report, on w^ch^. wee cant procure foundation enough to induce us to beleive it, wee likewise proceeded further to tell them, they would bring ill conveniencys upon them, if such a thing could be proved, they told us there was but one way to Convince us of the falsity of it, w^ch^. was to assure us they would not Rent the Bounds if wee would let them to them, but that motion, wee did not Regard and beleive can bring them, thô w^th^. much difficulty to three Thousand Chuckrooms w^ch^. in our Opinions is really more then a Person can give, who is to have them but for one year and Designe to Gaine the Common hire of a Labourer, for it is most certaine it will cost them Considerably to Repair the Mold & Ditch, and that upon the great Scarcity of Grain here, and the Demolishm^t^. of Severall Towns in Our Bounds, most part of those People who Used to Rent and Plow the Ground under them have taken service in other parts of the Country, from whence they cant presently be recalled, wee waite your hon^r^. &c^a^. Orders about this Affair till when wee shall say no more of it.

Wee are very sorry so good Judges as your Hon^r^. &c^a^. of the season and Seas in China, have no other hopes of the Howland, then that she is still in Canton, which wee wish may prove true, since Cap^t^. Wathen seems to have rec^d^. certain intelligence

in Batavia that he had left that Port, there past by on the 9th. inst. early in the morning a ship wch. by Appearance seemed to be of her bigness, & Europe built, and wee heartily wish it may prove the same.

Wee are not insensible of the Honble. Companys standing Orders, Relating to the estates of Deceased Persons, wch. should have been executed this time, but that Mr. Weld was beforehand wth. our Paymastr. and when he had once possest himselfe of them he thought it not Convenient to take them out of his hands, for fear of some after Disputes wth. Mrs. Hunt the Deceased Persons Mother.

Enclosed is the Copy of our Cash book from Mr. Raworths Arrivall to this Day and wee shall for the future be sure to send you a monthly Copy of it, according to your Direction, which Practice wee should have followed sooner, but that wee did not remember it, to have been done for a great many years from this Settlement.

Whilest the Warr Continued it was impossible for us to Retrench Our expences, but since wee have been endeavouring to doe it what possible & in Order ther[e]to, the first thing we went about was to Review the Peons out of wch. at two Draughts wee dismist no less than five Hundred, and have Reduced that large Body to two hundred, wch. is as few as wee can possible have, and wee have likewise Ordered yt. those wee continue in the service, shall have their Pay retrench't so that those who used to Receive one Pagd. serves now for Fourteen fanams, and those who had Fourteen for Tenn wch. will lessen that expence pritty much, & wee shall take care to keep none upon that Role, but able, and effectual Men, at least as Effectual as it's possible for Peons to be.

After wch. wee Perused the List of Servants and turned out all the Unnecessary Persons therein so that their remains no more under that head, then our Cheife Dubash, who Officiates in the same manner as Paupa does wth. your Honr. &ca. a Braminy, who writes Morattas & a Persia Mulla, besides three or four necessary People, such a Cheife Carpenter, and Bricklayer and a Usefull Person or two, who wee cant possible be without, as for Ancapah he was entertained here by Mr. Roberts to assist in the Tran[s]lation of Country Letters, but wee have now removed him from that employ, being entirely of your Honr. &ca. Opinion that a Fellow who has lost his Ears, and been turned out of Madrass for his Roguery, ought not to be entertained in the Companys Service in any Settlement inferiour to it, tho it has been a thing too much Practised here formerly.

Mr. Philip Baker who then Paymastr. can be sure if he pleases to give your Honr. &ca. how so large a Quantity of Firewood and Oyl was Disburst in Sepr. 1711 and ther[e]by have eased you the Trouble of writing to us about it, but neither his Conicoply or Dayly Diary being wth. him, wee beleive may incapacitate him, & to be sure it must be Occasioned by the warrs, and the many Out Guards wee have since kept, where the People must be furnish't wth. those necessary's, but now wee have Commenc't regulating these matters, that Charge shall likewise be retrencht, & every body not as Customary receive Oyl from the Paymastr. when they ask it, but the allowance commonly given to Covenanted Servants in Fort St. George, and when your Party is called back again, you shall soon see the other Article of Firewood brought within so moderate a Compass that twill be very farr from extravagancy.

Now your Honr. &ca. have before you the Modull of our Bounds, it is not to be doubted but you'll see how necessary it is, wee should have A Moderate Number of Horses here, ther[e]fore to encourage all particular Persons to keep One, provided they might be at the Companys Service, wee Promise[d] to maintain them, which Occasions that extravagant Expence of Grain & Horsekeepers, but wee have not eased Ourselves of that Charge likewise, & [...] out of the stable, all except the Councills, Secretary[s] and Officers of the Military, and to them wee shall allow no more then twenty five fanms. each towards the maintenance of them, and that for the former Considera. only that when ever there is a Necessity to take them abroad for the Service of the Company, they shall without Scruple be ready to go on any expedition and now wee are writing you on this Head, wee think it a proper time to acqt. your Honr. &ca. that

their lies a Horse of Mr. Thomas Fredericks in our stable wch. was once wôrth Ninety Pagds. but being constany. used in the time of the warrs is now worth nothing and the Deputy Govr. has likewise three more lying on his hands, which are worth as little as hee, & were made Useless in the same manner, by constant hard service, besides one more that was shot, and indeed there is not two in the Companys Stable fit to Carry a man wch. was the Occasion of the misfortune that lately attended Capt. Wallis.

There are under the Command of the Fort and enclosed by a Branch of Penny River, and the Ditch of Tevenepatam no less than four out Guards at all wch. wee have Great Gunns, besides the Additional works lately made from Witchmeer to the Fort that was burnt, wch. amount to eight more besides the Fortifications of Cuddalore wch. consists of as many, and there are so few as twenty eight Europeans and Christians, belonging to the Gunners Crew, after having told your Honr. &ca. this wee wont proceed to say that eighty Mucquars and Lascars, besides are to few to take care of such works, but leave you to Judge what Occasion wee have for them, however twenty of the Lascars are discharged and promise you, that wee will forbear turning the Others a Drift, likewise no longer than wee find 'em usefull to Us.

On the first review of the Cuddalore Company the Deputy Governour disbanded no less than Thirty eight, as useless good for nothing fellows and perhaps on a Second and more strict Scruteny into the Characters of the rest, he may do the like by as many more and 'tis not at all probably, but the Company of Tevenapatam may have as many scoundrells amongest them wch. shall very speedily be removed likewise, and where wee find them, they shall be dismist in the like manner, but then wee must begg your Honr. &ca. to Recruit Us as soone as possible for it will be absolutely necessary that wee allwayes have three Companys of Souldiers in this Garrison, one Consisting wth. Officers One hundred & fivety Men for Defence of the Edge of the Bounds, another one hundred & fivety for the Fort, and the Guards dependant to it, and a Third for Cuddalore of two hundred, this is not only our Opinions, but likewise that of all the Officers in the Garrison besides, and that this place may be defended wth. as little expence as possible, wee have plac't but thin Guards at every Post, the particulars of wch. you'll see in a Paper apart wch. wee enclose.

All men who have been disabled in this warr, shall according to your Order be removed from the Military into the Gunroome, and not as it is practised in Madrass, be put under the head of Diett, and allowances, from wch. wee have discharged about Twenty, who claime their maintenance from the Company, for no reason but because they have eat their Bread for twenty years together without doing the least Service for them, & have only impaired their health by Arrack and other Debauchery's.

So farr we are gone towards retrenching Our Expences wch, wee hope to Reduce within the Circumference of two Thousand Pagodas ℔ mensem, wee mean as to our standing expences, for wee cant tell what extraordinary Ones may happen, or whether the Honble. Company will hereafter think Convenient to make those Buildings in Cuddalore, wch. by every Body are thought necessary when to be sure, they must rise Considerably.

Wee have likewise been Considering if it was possible for us to retrench the expences on every Branch of our Revenues, but find they have no more incumbrances on them then wt. is absolutely necessary nor can wee think of adding any new impositions on them but what will be burthensome to Trade, so wee have no other Methods to Pursue in order to make this Place maintaine itselfe, by its incomes, then by an Affable and Equitable Deportment to all Persons whatever encourage Merchants to come here and Settle wth. their Familye's, and Estates, wch. thô 'twill be a work of Time, yet wee hope it is not an impossibility to Effect it.

Our Generall Books will be Ballanced in six dayes time at furthest, and would have been ready long agoe, were it not for the great Trouble the Paymastr. undergoes, who have so many Triffling odd things to do, that its next to an impossibility, he should bring in his Accts. by the 15th. of the month according to the Order of Fort

S^{t}. George & sometimes he does not pass them till the middle of the month ensuing nor could M^{r}. Rich^{d}. Harrison, notwithstanding he used his Utmost Industry finish M^{r}. Bakers Acc^{ts}. w^{ch}. were left wth. him to Close for the month of Aprill, till the middle of June, the Books are two thirds Coppied over, and before this months ends you shant fail having them, & wee hope that 'twill be time enough for your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. to adjust them with yours, & have them Coppied Over ready to goe for England on a Sep^{r}. Ship.

Enclosed wee send your hon^{r}. &c^{a}. amongest other Papers an Abstract of our Paymasters present Disburstments Compared wth. those in time of Peace wher[e]in at one view you'll see the Difference there is between those times and these, but by the measures wee have taken, wee hope our next Months expence will be reduced as near it as possible.

In our next wee will give You a Particular Account of our Powder and whether its possible to make it Cheaper then at Madarass; & will trouble you no more at pres^{t}. then to wish your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. health and Prosperity, and to Assure you Wee are

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
JULY THE 12TH. 1712.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.
Your most Obed^{t}. hum^{ble}. Serv^{ts}.
ROBERT RAWORTH.
RICHARD FARMER.
JN^{O}. BERLU.
RICHARD HARRISON.
MATTHEW WELD.
THO^{S}. WOOD[W]ARD.

No. 123

LIST OF THE SEVERALL GUARDS WEE HAVE TO DEFEND & THE NUMBER OF MEN IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY TO BE KEPT AT EACH POST VIZ^{T}.

Cundapah's Choultry an Officer & Sixteen Men.
Horse Tail Point a Serjeant & Ten men.
Chemunglum a Serjeant & Ten men.
Midle Point a Serjeant & Ten men.
Trepopalore an officer & Sixteen men.
Chilla Naigues Point a Serjean[t] & Ten Men.
Bandapollam an Officer & Sixteen men.
The Southermost Point an Officer & Sixteen Men.

We put a greater Number of men, & an Officer at Cundap[a]'s Choultry, & the Southermost Point because one Commands the Passage of the North, and the other the South part of our Bounds and at Trepopalore and Bandapollam because one Commands the passage in the Center of 'em, & 'tother not only the Passage under the hills but likewise the washers & our Cloth.

The number of men for the Defence of y^{e}. abovementioned Guards will amount to, with Officers, one hundred & twelve and it will be necessary there should be a Leiuetenant constantly to reside at Trepopalore, whose sole Business it should be to keep them in Order, and dayly advise the Deputy Gov^{r}. of their Condition as is practised att this time.

There are inclosed by a Branch of Penny River, and the Ditch of Tevenapatam, besides the Fort three other Guards at w^ch^. it will be proper to keep the following Number of men Viz^t^.

Att the Block ho^s^. [a Ser]jeant & Ten men.
att Tevenapatam Gate a Serjeant & Ten men.
att Uplawvaddee a Serjeant & Ten men.
In the Fort, a Leivtenant, Ensign & Forty men.

All w^ch^. w^th^. Officers will amount together to Seventy five men, w^ch^. number must be doubled in order to Give the Guards dayly releife, so that this Company cant consist of less than one hundred and fivety men, we propose to keep so strong a Guard in the Fort that wee may be ready in case any enemy enters Tevenapatam to send a Party to Surpress [*sic*] them.

Att Cuddalore there are seven Points and Gates at w^ch^. there cant be less then a Serjeant & ten men, and att the Factory a Leiuetenant & Twenty to Surpress [*sic*] any Disturbance which may happen in Town, there is not that Occasion for so strong a Guard there as at the Fort, being Cuddalore is a Compact Town & walled in, but the other open, and the Fort so far distant from it, that if an Enemy is once entred our Guns can do 'em no Prejudice.

All these Guards will take up 99 men w^ch^. must be doubled for a Daily releife, So this Company cant consist of less then two hundred men.

So that the number of men for Defence of the Fort Cuddalore, and the Bounds in Gen^ll^. will amount to four hundred, & sixty two, and wee propose the Number should be enclosed to five hundred for fear of sickness, or any other accident.

This wee thought Convenient to lay before your Hon^r^. &c^a^. apart from the Gen^ll^. Letter that you may w^th^. the more ease give your Directions about it, and are

FORT S^T^. DAVID — HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.
JULY THE 12^TH^. 1712. — Your most Obed^t^. hum^ble^. Serv^ts^.
R. RAWORTH
&C^A^.

No. 124th.

To THE HON^BLE^. EDWARD HARRISON ESQ^R^.
PRESID^T^. & GOV^R^. FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^n^.
HON^BLE^. ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY &C^A^. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

For the Defence of y^s^. Place & Service of y^e^. hon^ble^. Company, I have so entire neglected all thoughts of my private affairs that I find they are fallen into tl greatest Confusion possible, w^ch^. induces me to request the favour of your Hon^r^. &c to Come to Fort S^t^. George for a few dayes, that I may satisfie your Hon^r^. &c^a^. some other Persons inhabitants of that Place, I am Capable to defend my reputatic as well as I have done this Place, convince you I was served by a Rouge in tl warehouse, and prevent the Idle Talk of those who term themselves Unsatisfie Creditors. I am

FORT S^T^. DAVID — HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.
JULY THE 7^TH^. 1712. — Your Obed^t^. & Faithfull hum^ble^. Servant
ROBERT RAWORTH.

No. 125th.

To the Honble. Edward Harrison Esqr.
Presidt. & Govr. of Fort St. George & St. David &ca. Councill.

Honble. Sr. &ca.

Our last to you[r] Honr. &ca. was on the 12th. inst. since wch. on the 14th. wee recd. yours of the same Date wth. the Journall Parcells of your Acct. Currant to the last of Aprill wch. are delivered the Accoptant to Compare wth. ours, and to wch. you shall have a Compleat Answr. very speedily thô our Gen'll Books are upon a Tryal Ballance, and tomorrow evening will be finisht, when they shall be Coppied over wth. the utmost expedition and sent you.

Wee thank your Honr. &ca. for the list of Ships you enclosed, in our Honbls. Masters Service that may be expected from Europe this Season, which wee very heartily wish safe arrived, and that the disturbance in England may'nt prevent their speedy Dispatch, wch. wee fear will put a stop to the proceedings of the Congress, wch. was to meet at Utrecht the 12th. of January last, and wee beleive that whilest a Treaty is on Foot, our Employers will be willing to waite the Event of it, before they venture their Outward Fleet abroad.

Wee hope to hear better news of ye. New George then that she is fallen a Prey to ye. four French Ships who left Ponticherry February 1711, and shall be very sorry to have it Confirmed to us, that ye. two Prizes wch. were in Company of those two Cru[i]zers, who chais't the Dutch Hagg Boat into the Bay of ye. Cape, should prove to be either of ye. four Ships Your Honr. &ca. suspect, but if its any of their ill Fates, wee wish they may prove those of the least Value.

Wee recd. the attested Copy of Surrup Sings Phirwannas, wch. shall be very Carefully put up amongest other Papers of the same nature and Consequence.

If you'll please to Peruse the Paragraph wee wrote you about the Death of Hughes, we beleive you'll find, that wee gave you then, only our Sentiments of the action, and when in returne you were pleased to tell us, that wee had Condemned a man of murder, before Tryall, wee answered on the 27th. day of said month, that he was found dead, and Brand Confesst himselfe the Person who killed him, and that wee termed it murder, because wee had not in a formall manner Tryed him, thô now your honr. &ca. are pleased to tell us, that wee have accused him of so horrid a Fact, in a Judiciall way it's very true as wee then wrote our sentiments, not as his Judges, all Circumstances made it appear, that he went at that Unseasonable time of ye. Night to the Portugueze Church yard, wth. a designe only to meet Hughes, and then the day before they had a severe Quarrell together, where nothing past but words in wch. the said Hughes Gained the Superiority, but left the other very much Disgusted, and so he exprest himselfe the next Day, intimating as if he was resolved to take his satisfaction in a proper Place and Time and the other whether he had told him of it, or not, seem'd Apprehensive of some Danger, by his desiring the Corporal of the Guard, not only, to lend him his Swo[r]d but likewise accompany him home, and what Confirms us more in an Opinion that Brand had thoughts of revenging himselfe for the abusive Language he had recd. was an expression he Used when he came sadly Confused into the Fort after the Action, that he beleiv'd he had thrust him so severely that he would not be abusive to him Another Time, but Middletons Deposition quite Contradicts all these Circumstances, by the positive declaration he has made on Oath, that Hughes first Challenged Brand to Fight him wth. a Sword, wch. he refused as being incapable to use such a weapon, offering to Box, or Cudgell wth. him wch. the other rejected disdainfully, and first attackt him thô in Opposition to wt. he alledges in his said Deposition, wee are Obliged to inform you that the Night this Accident happened, he told the Particulars of it twenty several wayes, first in favour of One and then t'other so that we were forc't to leave him till the next Morning to recollect and Settle himselfe, when he gave us the Acct. wee forwarded to you, notwithstanding was he here and to be sent you by the first Oppertunity, wee beleive he would differ as much, were he Ordered to relate the Story from what he has taken his Oath too, as he did att yt. Juncture, but he is Deserted, and wee have

since on the strictest enquiry wee could make, hear no news of him, so wee must Conclude this Business w^th^. adding to w^t^. told your Hon^r^. &c^a^. before, that Hughs was a Turbulant Quarrelsome Fellow and the other Quiet, Sober, and Diligent Fellow w^ch^. Character, wee dont doubt since the Evidence is absented will be of service to him.

Wee will send you According to Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. Order all Persons who were present at the Murder of Parsons, by Van Bushasen, thô w^th^. Submission dont think there is an Absolute Necessity for it, he Confesses the Fact, and Ownes he deserves Death, and Desires only to be executed like a Souldier.

Perhaps your hon^r^. &c^a^. may beleive that the Bounds were lett out this time twelve month for five Thous^d^. five hund^d^. Chuckrums, w^ch^. its very probable enduces you to enlarge so much on that Subject, but the Case is quite different for they were lett out four years agoe by M^r^. Roberts and now that Cowle is expired, and wee beleive you are sensible what vast alterations have happened since so that thô wee have a settled Peace, & give People all the mild Treatment and Encouragement Possible yet it is not to be imagined that when they have Carryed their Family's away w^th^. them and to use their own Terms, tyed their houses in another mans Ground and entred into his service, they can immediately be recalled thô never so near us, its very true want of service and Sustenance forc't them from their old Habitations, and no doubt they left them in order to procure both, w^ch^. to be sure they obtained, and whilest those Persons who gave it, Continue it to them, wee beleive they wont be so ungratefull as to forsake those who releaved them in distress, so that its not their being a great distance from Us, w^ch^. Prevents their return, wee have, however been Using all arguments, and Endeavours possible to prevail w^th^. some of our inhabitants, to give as much as usual, but in vain, and this day it was w^th^. the utmost Difficulty and Force that wee Perswaded the old Renters to Consent to take them for the Term of one year for three Thous^d^. Chuckrums and that only w^th^. Proviso, that your Hon^r^. &c^a^. approves of it, to whom it is entirely referred and we Request so much Favour of You, in Justification of our integrity that if any Person insinuates to you They can be let out for a Chuckrum more, you'll be pleased to lett him have them, and wee all assure You that he shall have as much Encouragem^t^. and assistance from us in the Business, as if he was an immediate inhabitant of this Place.

Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. have been frequently informed by us, that we were so closely Blockt up in the time of warr, that we could not get so much as y^e^. necessary Provisions from y^e^. Country, and if that was not to be effected, wee hope you'll beleive it was less Possible to import Merchandize, from whence alone its our Juncan arrises, by w^ch^. you may be able to Judge whether w^t^. is argued on that Subject, has any Truth in it or no, and when the Trade of a Place has for so long a time, as Eighteen months been turned in a quite different Channell, whether a little time can put that Place into as Flourishing a Condition as it was before it fell into Trouble, thô those exactions and extortions formerly practized in it, and w^ch^. was so very prejudicial to the Trade of it are ceased, notwithstanding w^ch^.it has not been in our Powers to prevail on any Persons whatever to raise on the Price the Old Renters first offered but themselves, tho wee not only Promis't, but in Reallity will give them our Utmost Encouragement and Protection.

It's very true that the Mold of Trevindaparam is frequently wash't away with the Freshes, and that it does not Cost any Considerable Sum to repair it, but that is not the Article w^ch^. will putt the renters to so much expence, its the Ditch itselfe, w^ch^. has been desired for this two years, and is now the major part of it Choak't up w^th^. sand, and rubbish, and wee will say no more, then to desire you to Consider how absolutely necessary it is, they should put themselves to the expence of Clearing it, and w^t^. the Charge will be of clearing a large Ditch, w^ch^. is four mile long, and we beleive Upwards.

M^r^. Raworth is very much Concerned that the Hon^ble^. Presid^t^. should alledge he gave him hopes that he should be able to procure good part, if not all, you Consented to give Surrup Sing, from the Renters, and their Relations, w^ch^. was w^t^. he himselef had never any hopes of Effecting, and had to much Gratitude and regard for his favour, to insinuate to him that he could performe impossibilitys, its very true he

once thought of raising four or five Thousand Pagodas from the Merchants, and by assesment on the Town, but found it wholy impracticable, for it was about that time, that he ordered the number of every Cast to be taken, in order to provide Rice Sufficient for them, on w^ch^. some ill Tongue or other Blazed it about, that it was w^th^. Designe to take money from every Family, proportionable to their Ability's, to satisfie the expence of y^e^. warr, and some above mentioned, w^ch^. gave so Generall a Disgust, that is not to be exprest and he found it was high time to desist, for fear those few inhabitants wee have left, should desert, instead of those, who have left us returning to their habitations.

The Renters have indeed a house, a Banksall, some money in the hands of y^e^. Joint Stock Merch^ts^. and some other old Debts in Town, all w^ch^. wee are getting an exact acc^t^. of as fast as possible, when it shall be sent your Hon^r^. &c^a^. thô by the best Computation, wee at present can make they wont altogether amount to Two Thousand Pagodas.

All Persons who were found in Custody on M^r^. Raworths arrivall are still under restraint, excepting an old woman of about Three score, and a little Child her Grandson, who was Expiring w^th^. a Flux, in August last, and at the request of our merchants, was permitted to goe to her house, in order to be Cured, and delivered to the Charge of y^e^. Talliar, who was so negligent as to Suffer her, to make her Escape, and has for some time been w^th^. his Master at Wooreapollam in Order to procure her being delivered up to him from the Pooligarr who gives her Protection, the Poor old Woman liv'd very miserably for the twelve months she was Confined nor doe wee beleive she had more money than w^t^. was sufficient to subsist her in that miserable Condition, if she had it, was more than wee or any body us [*sic*] knew, and wee would have informed you of her Departure had wee beleived her to be a Person of that importance, she was represented to your Hon^r^. &c^a^. and wee earnestly beg the Favour of you, that you'll be pleased to let us know the Person who informed you of these Storys, so much to our Prejudice, for whilest they are encouraged, and beleived its impossible for us to give you Satisfaction, and wee hope when its made appear, that they misinforme you, you'll be pleased to use 'em as they deserve, and if they can prove w^t^. they alledge, wee then in return desire no better from you.

Our Merchants Yesterday in Consultation presented us a Petition requesting wee would put 'em on the same footing w^th^. those at Fort S^t^. George and abate 'em one and a Quarter ℔ Cent of y^e^. Custome, they Pay on importation of their Callicoes, referring 'emselves, in case wee refused to Grant it them to your Hon^r^. &c^a^. the Copy of w^ch^. is enclosed for your Perusall, Wee told 'em, were it our inclinations, it was not in our Powers to Gratifie their request, but Promised them to forward it According to their Desire to you, w[h]ere we hope it will meet w^th^. as Good a reception they wish, for it is in reallity a very great Discouragement, and hardship that their Contract should be burthened w^th^. more Charges then other People, who serves the Hon^ble^. Company in the Same Capacitys.

Wee have Examined our Powderman about the Price of his Gunpowder, and by the Particular account of it, wee find it Comes out to Twenty Pagodas Eight fan^ms^. ℔ Candy.

The Mary Packett is Lancht, and shall be dispatcht to you as soon as the Rains will permitt us, w^ch^. have fallen very heavily here, for severall Dayes past.

The Only Vessell which has past by since our last, is a Dutch Parr bound to Negapatam, and on the 12^th^. anchored here Ship Fame, George Benfeild mas^r^. from Negapatam, bound to Madarass, & Bengall w^ch^. is all wee have to imp[a]rt to your Hon^r^. &c^a^. at present, more then to assure, wee shall allway's approve Ourselves

FORT S^T^. DAVID
JULY 15^TH^. 1712.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.
Your most Obedient hum^b^
ROBERT RAWORTH
RICH^D^. FARMER.
JN^O^. BERLU·
RICH^D^. HARRISON
MATTHEW WELD.
[*Lacuna.*]

No. 126

To the Honble. Edward Harrison Esqr.

Presidt. and Governr. for Affairs of
the Rt. Honble. United Engs. East
India Compy. &ca. Council
in Fort St. George.

Hon^ble. Sr. &ca.

Having this minute recd. a Letter from Mr. Symonds at Gangam dated the 30th. Ulto. wth. advice off five large Ships, supposed to be French being seen near that road, and directing their Course to Bengall, wee loose no time in dispatching these Tappy's to your Honr. &ca. and shall defer writing largely till the finishing our Generall Books Paymasts. Accts. &ca. wch. wee hope to dispatch in 15 dayes time fartherst [*sic*].

Our Cheife Merchant Cunshem Lingana is in the Country providing and sending Goods, of which wee have reason to expect a large Quantity in few dayes and a good Compliance from the Merchants wth. their Contract, Peace between the Nabob and Rajahs being almost Concluded, and Consequently free Trade will insue for ye. Merchants performing their Contract, and our answering your Expectations in Bales which is the hearty Desire off

Vizagapatam
July the 7th. 1712.

Honble. Sr. &ca.
Your most Obedt. humble. Servts.
Francis Hastings.
Robert Cranwell.

No. 127

To the Honble. Edward Harrison Esqr.

Presidt. and Governour of Fort St. George &ca. Council.

Honble. Sr. &ca.

Wee receid. yours of the 27th. Ultimo and the 5 inst. by the Darby, & wth. Capt. Wootens Consent and advice have determined her stay here till we can be well informed of these Ships seen near Gangam road or receive your Honr. &ca. further Command.

Wee shall discourse the Merchants about fine Long cloth, Sallampores, Izzarees, and, Percollas, and when the Prices are agreed Upon, give a full answer to all those Particulars, and being well assured, that Business at Ingerom will not go on Currently without advancing money, wee shall after dispatch of this give full Orders Accordingly to Mr. Faucett, wth. wt. else relates to his management, and hope by that Incouragemt. the Merchants will Comply so well wth. their Contract, as that wee may know in a short time, what number of Bales to depend Upon from Ingerom, & from those from this Place, wee must still beg your Patience till wee can hear from Cunsm. Lingana who is very busy wth. the weavers, & has promised in a few dayes to advise wt. Quantity's of Goods will be ready by ye. latter end of next month.

Wee ordered Mr. Faucett to freight the Bales upon ye. Country Boats bound this way, or that failing the Vessels bound to your Port from hence in Sepr. must call for them.

Wee send a Bengall Packett wch. came by Tappy early this morning, in three dayes and a half from Gangam, but from Fort William and Ballasore they make no more expedition than usual tho they say Tappys are posted from the last place to Gangam.

Mr. Hordens bill on Mr. Hastings for Pagds. 500 is accepted, and the box of Treasure ashoar wch. wth. our Constant respects is the needfull att present from

Vizagapatm.
July the 11th. 1712.

Honble, Sr. &ca.
Your most Obedt. humble. Servants
Francis Hastings.
Robert Cranwell.

No. 128

To the Honble. Edward Harrison Esqr.

Presidt. & Govr. of Fort St. George &ca. Councill.

Honble. Sr. &ca.

Copy of what last wrote you being of ye. 27th. Aprill comes inclosed, since wch. came to hand your Honr. &cs. of the 15th. last month.

The Russell Gally from Junkceylone who imported here the 20th. Ulto. reports they mett wth. Capt. Cooke in the Howland off Acheen of ye. 25th. Aprill, & kept wth. him till ye. 2d. May, so hope ere now is safely Arrivd. wth. you, we observe the small Quantity of Dollars imported wth. you, wch. you write is the Occasion of Rups. still Containing so dear, they are the only Commodity here yt. will go of ye. Merchts. not careing to bring any manner of Goods whatsoever, & thus its likely to Continue till ye. Prince att Patna is subduced [*sic.*]

Wee observe wt. you write on ye. relation of Governmt. & for some time here ye. news was Curt. that the youngest Prince was upon the Throne, but yt. was soon Contradicted, & without Doubt, as by all news since confirmed ye. late Kings eldest son is in Possession.

The Copy of yours of ye. 16th. Decr. have recd. & do observe wt. you write therein concerning laying Tappy's to Vizagapatam, wch. wee have accordingy. done, as before advised you, wee note wt. you write of Zulphakin Cawns Int[e]rest wth. ye. late Empr. whose Int[e]rest wth. this is no less, ther[e]fore wth. ye. present proceeds, shall make our Cheife Application to him, to assist Us towards procuring a Phirmaund.

Yours of ye. 26th. Octobr. 8th. and 16th. Novr. wee recd. Decr. 22d. 23d. & 29th. wth. Copys of your Phi[r]maund in English, wch. when our Present goes, will be of no use, ther[e]fore desire you'll send Us the Copy's of all Grants & Priveledges, you have in ye. Persian Language attested by ye. Cozzes.

Wee perceive Mr. Chittee is arrived wth. you and yt. you have recd. a Copy of the Instrument wher[e]in he made Over part of his Estate to us in order to discharge his Debts here, the Shawallum is arrived here and his share included in the instrument, so yt. when yt. Ships Acct. is Cleared, his Creditors will be very pressing on us for his share, if so be you are well assured, yt. upon Mr. Chittys comeing down here, he will bring sufficient to pay all off it will be well, Otherwise very prejudicial to our Honble. Masters affairs, ye. Cheife of his Creditors being a great Shroff att Patna, who has threatned if not satisfied to seize on any Engs. Effects he can lay his hands on, by wch. you'll perceive the ill Consequence, should he not bring sufficient wth. him, of wch. we advised you before should not Mr. Chitty have sufficient in India to satisfie All his Creditors, the English under you[r] Protection might have easier access to his Estate in England yn. the Natives.

Wee are glad to hear the salt Provisions proved so good, & as for the wheat twas ye. best then procurable being nigh a Twelve month old ye. new Crop not comeing in till Aprill.

As for the Government here att [Patna] tis thus, the Prince att Patna who sett up for King [still] continues there by report wth. an Army of about 20,000 horse and seems resolved to try his Fortune, his Uncle the King has sent an army of 30,000 horse again[st] him wth. whom comes ye. Kings second Son & four[others] the cheife of wch. is Zubber Dust Cawn who acts as Genl. under ye. Prince, it is reported this Army is very near him, & if Arrives wth. him before the rains sett in, wee are in hopes of having the Trade in Bengall open againe, he has sent to Rajahmaul 4000 horse to come into Bengall to serve on ye. Kings Treasure, & the Duan who sometime before refused to deliver it to the young Prince, whose officer came for it, the Duan being aware of this, daily encreases his Camp, & has already got 8000 horse & 30,000 Gun men, most of wch. are very raw and unexperienced People, so yt. at present you see affairs in Bengall seem wth. a very ill aspect, and God knows how & when it will end.

Should you disappoint us of y^e^. Bales you promised to send us in leue of those sent up by the Darby you will very much bread our measures wee depending on 'em, how it fares w^th^. our Gentlemen att Patna wee cant tell, all roads betwixt this & that place being stopt up, y^t^. no Cossid can pass, about the end of this month we shall write you againe Overland.

Wee are

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

Your most hum^ble^. Serv^ts^.

JOHN RUSSELL.
ABRA: ADDAMS.
WILLIAM LOYD.
SAM^LL^. FEAKE.
JEA: WILLIAMSON
JOHN DEAN.

FORT WILLIAM
JUNE THE 11^TH^. 1712.

No. 129

TO THE HON^BLE^. EDWARD HARRISON ESQ^R^.

PRESID^T^. & GOV^R^. OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE &C^A^. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

Since our last to you[r] Hon^r^. &c^a^. wee have according to our Promise therein bin [*sic*] making enquiry amongest our inhabitants to see if wee could find any person or Persons that were indebted to y^e^. Renters, and in the end discovered that the Undermentioned, had to the following Amounts in their hands.

They left in the Joint Stock, w^n^. they went from hence, one hundred eighty four Pag^s^. out of w^ch^. they paid Seventy Pag^ds^. to M^r^. Farmer for y^e^. maintenance of y^e^. Prison^rs^. Lost on the Principle so that remains of y^t^. sum no more then ...	Pag^s^.	63
Polloway Vinkatte Puttee		130
Opparinjee Chittee		110
Rangapa Chittee Principle... 60		
Interest on Ditto 24		
—		84
Corapas Nephew Rodrea		[...]
he likewise has in his Charge a Shop and some Goods w^ch^. by the nearest valuation we can make will amount to about		50
There are likewise three houses standing in Tevenapatam, two Small thatcht ones & a large brick one w^ch^. is worth three hundred Pag^ds^. but that was sold to one Durmay Chive Reddee in publick Consultation by M^r^. Roberts, for w^ch^. they have a Note to produce so that wee fear, wee shall receive no benefit from that, but the two small houses first mentioned are in reallity theirs and beleive may sell for		20
There is likewise a Banksall in Cuddalore w^ch^. may be worth		200
And a Garden at Tevenepatam worth about ...		20

This is w^t^. wee can in reallity depend upon securing and wee shall recover it, whenever you think convenient to Order us taking care that every Person concerned takes his Oath in the strictest manner possible that they are indebted no more then w^t^. they tell us, for it has been reported about Town, that some of 'em, owe Considerably more.

There lies in our Cockhouse one Armutta Pillee who formerly was security to Surop Sing for the renters paying him his mony, when it became due and Accordingly he after w^ch^. as he sayes he was discharged from his Security by M^r^. Roberts, w^ch^. its very well knowne, he publickly declared at that time, how far this will prevail w^th^. your Hon^r^. &c^a^. to be favourable to him, wee cant tell, but he has ever since the Breaking out of the Troubles bin under close Confinement, and wee have now bin endeavouring to know what his Circumstances are, and doe beleive his houses, and w^t^. else is in em, may sell for two Thousand Pagodas w^ch^. wee shall dispose of when you think Convenient to permitt Us.

There is a Conicoply of the Renters likewise in our Custody who certainly knows their Circumstances, better than any one and can if he pleases tell us where wee can find Considerable of their Effects, but he is so prodigiously close, that tho he fares very hard in the Apartment where he is, and has bin Threatned w^th^. severe Tortures all we could get from him was that Aggamudee Mercawne has got one Thous^d^. Pag^ds^. in his Possession one Bodee Chittee, Two hundred, & a hundred more that is due, from severall People, in small sums such as five, and six Pagodas, whose names he will give us.

The two last of these sums, wee beleive it possible for Us to recover, but as Aggamudee Mercawn is an inhabitant of Porto Novo, and much esteemed there, wee beleive it will be difficult to procure his Debt tho wee shall endeavour it what Possible, but if we fail Success, when wee use fair means, and your Hon^r^. &c^a^. Approves of it, we will then sell the houses he has here, w^ch^. wee shall forbear as long as Possible not knowing he may have an inclination to return to them againe, for he was perfectly forc't from the[m] by the Oppression of M^r^. Roberts, who Threatned to Chawbuck and publickly disgrace him, if he returned home, because he went for a few dayes out of [y^e^. bounds] about some Business w^ch^. Called him abroad without his Leave.

When wee found there was nothing more to be got from the Conicoply relating to the renters, we then began to scrutinyze into his own particular Circumstances but could not find from himselfe, that he was worth a fanam, till a by Stander told Us, that on his first imprisonment he had Lodged a Thousand Chuckrums in the hands of his Brother who wee immediately Sent for, and demanded it of him, but he would owne any such thing, till wee used him very severely, and then he made a Confession, w^ch^. was as good as none, for though he owned he had once Rec^d^. that Sum, he told us likewise that he had Disburst it, on his Brothers Acc^t^. and in y^t^. story he still remains.

Thus far wee have proceeded to Procure the Hon^ble^. Company's reparation, for the damages they have Sustained, on w^ch^. wee Request your Orders how wee shall proceed, and in the mean time shall be using our utmost endeavours to discover w^t^. Person or Persons soever Inhabitants of this Place, have any more effects of y^e^. Renters in their Possession, and immediately Advise your Hon^r^. &c^a^. of it, for your further Directions.

Wee have now loaden on the Mary Sloop, Acc^t^. the R^t^. Hon^ble^. Company 56 Bales Amounting to 3713 Pagodas, Invoice and Bill of Loading for which are enclosed, which wee wish safe Arrived w^th^. You.

There has past by since our last no more, then one Sloop belonging to y^e^. Dutch from Negapatam bound to Pollicutt, w^ch^. is all wee have to impart to your Hon^r^. &c^a^. att present, more then that wee are this day informed that the Duan is on his

March for Arcott, and does not design to Continue near Us, w^ch^. puts Us in mind your Hon^r^. &c^a^. Orders about the Madarass Party, and whether you will be pleased to have them march to You by Land for fear he should come to S^t^. Thoma, Wee are

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &c^A^.

FORT S^T^. DAVID
JULY 23^D^. 1712.

Your most Ob^t^. hum^ble^. Serv^ts^.
ROB^T^. RAWORTH.
RICHARD FARMER.
JOHN BERLU.
RICHARD HARRISON.
MATTHEW WELD.
THOMAS WOODARD.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &c^A^.

Wee thought to have dispatch't this to Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. last night, but the Vessell happens to Carry more than wee expected, and wee detained her till this [morn]ning, to put twenty bales more on board her, w^ch^. w^th^. the rest wee wish safe in Fort S^t^. George, just now wee discerned a ship w^ch^. appears to us pritty large, Luffing [in] the Shoar from the Eastward between this Place and Porto Novo, w^ch^. wee hope may prove the Howland.

By this Conveyance wee send you John Buck, John Kirk, and Abraham Clark, the three Persons who were present at the Murther of Thomas Parsons by Jacob Vanbushasen wee would likewise send you [all]our Deserters, but that they are too many to be Trusted in a Body without a Guard over 'em for w^ch^. reason we must Deferr, till wee meet a more Convenient Oppertunity. Enclosed wee send you a List of Stores wanting in our Gunroome w^ch^. wee request Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. to supply Us with by the first Opperty, and are

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &c^A^.

JULY THE 24^TH^. 9 IN THE MORNING

Your most Obedient hum^bl^. Ser^ts^.
ROBERT RAWORTH.
RICHARD FARMER.
JOHN BERLU.
RICHARD HARRISON.
THOMAS WOODARD.

No. 130

TO THE HON^BLE^. EDWARD HARRISON ESQ^R^.
PBESID^T^. AND GOVERNOUR OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE &c^A^. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &c^A^.

This morning wee dispatcht the Mary Packett to your Hon^r^. &c^a^. w^th^. 56 bales amounting to 3713 Pagodas, and she is now w^th^. a fresh Gale, almost the length of Ponticherry, so that wee dont doubt but before tomorrow morning shell be arrived w^th^. you the Ship wee advised you this morning to be standing into Shore from the Eastward, instead of the Howland proved to be a Moorman from Zeylone, bound to Fort S^t^. George, wher indisputable she'll be before this, there is now likewise standing along the Shore, another three masted Vessell w^ch^. hoists Danes Colours, but w^t^. in reallity she is wee cant tell, Cattamaran as yet not being arrived.

The three Persons who were present att the Death of Serjean Parsons, and took their Passage in the Mary have received from our Paym^r^. their wages for this month, w^ch^. wee thought it necessary to advise you w^th^. that they mayn't require it on their Arrival w^th^. your Hon^r^. &c^a^.

With this wee send you our Accomp^t^. remarks on your last years Adjustments w^th^. this Place, to w^ch^. wee referr, and shall very speedily forward our Gen'll Books, w^ch^. are now Ballanc'd, and in six dayes time will be Coppied Over.

This is all wee have to impart to y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. at present, more then to assure You, wee shall allwayes endeavour to Approve ourselves.

FORT S^T^. DAVID
JULY THE 24^TH^. 1712.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.
Your most Obed^t^. hum^ble^. Serv^ts^.
ROB^T^. RAWORTH.
RICH^D^. FARMER.
JN^O^. BERLU.
RICH^D^. HARRISON.
THO^S^. WOODARD.

No. 131

TO THE HON^BLE^. EDWARD HARRISON ESQ^R^.
PRESID^T^. AND GOVERN^R^. OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE &C^A^. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

M^r^. Raworth informing us that by a private Letter rec^d^. from the Hon^ble^. President, you want Cap^t^. John Roach at Fort S^t^. George, w^th^. one hundred effectual Men, [wee] immediately upon it freight'd Sloops Rama, and Cawdra both w^ch^. were at an Anchor in our road, and send him w^th^. the Number abovementioned on em, hopeing they may speedily, and Safely arrive w^th^. your Hon^r^. &c^a^. they are Compleatly Equipt, w^th^. Boyonett Peices Cartouch Boxes and amunition the amount of w^ch^. we shall send you by Land, not being inclinable to Detaine the Party on so Trivial an account.

Thô wee have often before given Cap^t^. Roach the Character of a brave officer and deserving your Hon^r^. &c^a^. Countenance, yet he being the Bearer of this, wee think our selves obliged in return of his faithfull services to repeat it to you again, and hope you'll be pleased to Distinguish him, from those of his Degree, who have never yet drawne a sword in Vindication of their Employers Priviledges.

What said before of Sloop Rama is sufficient to let your Hon^r^. &c^a^. know she is Arrived here besides w^ch^. on the 24^th^. Anchored a Dutch Parr, in Tevenapatam road, and yesterday two Sloops past one bound to Negapatam and the other Jaffnapatam belonging to the same Nation.

This is all wee have to impart to Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. by this Conveyance more then to Assure you Wee are

FORT S^T^. DAVID
JULY THE 26^TH^. 1712.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.
Your most Obedient hum^ble^. Servants
ROB^T^. RAWORTH.
RICH^D^. FARMER.
JN^O^. BERLU.
RICD: HARRISON.
MATTHEW WELD.
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No. 132

TO THE HON^BLE^. EDWARD HARRISON ESQ^R^.
PRESID^T^. AND GOVERN^R^. OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE &C^A^. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

Our Merchants begs the favour of your Hon^r^. &c^a^. to have 30 or 40 Candy of the best Surrat Cotton sent em hither, by the first Conveyance and they'll thankfully Pay w^t^. you please to Charge for it they Concluding that from y^e^. Noise of Cotton, being come hither, and a report of more expected, the price w^ch^. is now 26 Pag^ds^. ℔ Candy, will as suddainly fall as it rose, if it so happens, they'll make Use of y^e^. Oppertunity of providing Goods for the Company.

I have rec^{d}. your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. Orders ab^{t}. fine goods from Vizagapatam those relating to Brampore Chints are not yet come, all our Perca[uls] & most other Goods wee used to have at Maddapo[llam] were made in this Rajahs Country, and Upon these Islands, of w^{ch}. there is a great many, some of a large extent surrounded wth. deep and broad rivers, the only great One that lyes to the N^{o}. ward of y^{e}. great river is this of Ingeram w^{ch}. is not secure, being that horse and Foot may pass over at low water, but as for y^{e}. other of y^{e}. Southside there is no comeing att 'em w^{n}. the Roger orders his Boats the Sangerees to be hawld up, the time now drawes nigh for this great river to overflow & drown all their Islands, the high Ground excepted, w^{ch}. happens 2 or 3 times at this season & continues so for 3 or 4 days w^{ch}. makes the Ground fertile so that it maintains vast number of inhabitants, wee have already provided agast. its swellings having built a house to secure all the Company's Concerns in, upon high Ground.

Tarpolins is wanted here to secure the Comp^{nys}. Bales dry as they are sent away and they cant send any from Vizagapatam.

INGERAM 19TH. OF JULY 1712.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.
Your most Obed^{t}. Serv^{t}.
THOMAS FAUCETT.

P.S.

Upon sealing the Letter your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. of 27th. Ult^{o}. is come to my hands.

T. FAUCETT.

N^{o}. 133

TO THE HON^{BLE}. EDWARD HARRISON ESQ^{R}.
PRESID^{T}. & GOVERN^{R}. OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE &C^{A}. COUNCIL.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.

After wee had embark't the Men for Fort S^{t}. George wee rec^{d}. your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. of y^{e}. 23^{d}. Ult^{o}. on y^{e}. 27th. Ditto, one of y^{e}. 25th. and yesterday that of ye. 29th. came safe to our hands to w^{ch}. we shall now take the Liberty to Reply.

Wee gave your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. our reasons why the Mary Sloop was not dispatcht According to our Promise soon after she was afloat w^{ch}. wee are Glad proves Satisfactory and that the Vessell wth. the Bales on Board her are Safe Arrived, wee att first put but Thirty Six in her, imagining with some private Trade that it would fill her, and the Invoice and Bill of Loading not being Compleated when we Received the Advices, she would Carry twenty more Consequently the Blank in the Gen'll Letter was left Open, & Our Secretary put in the whole Number, instead of w^{t}. first Designed w^{ch}. M^{r}. Raworth was not Apprized of, till receipt of your Letter, or wee should not have Troubled you wth. that Part of the Postscript, but for the future shall take Care no such Errors are Committed.

Our Spye at Ponticherry as Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. very well observes, is not att all depended on, however wee thought Convenient to impart to you that peice of News relating to the French, because wee had not it, only from him but likewise severall other People, and whether it will prove True or not Time only can Show.

The reason of our Pleading so hard in behalfe of our Joint Stock Merchants, was because they never imparted to Us on their first Address, any thing of y^{e}. Fiveteen Thousand pagodas, they had Agreed your hon^{r}. &c^{a}. should Pay their Gomaster at Fort S^{t}. George, and when wee were wholy ignorant of their Proceedings there, and made their Applications to us, to remonstrate their case to You, wee hope you wont take it amiss, that we Gratifie them, and sent you there very words [as] they were interpritted, but since they have once deceived us in this manner, wee shall be cautious however [to] write anything of such a Nature in their Favour againe.

Wee allow that their Cloth when washt does not look nigh so well as that your Merchants bring in, but must still Averr by our Experience, that if they Carry the same sort into your Godownes, as wee have seen of theirs here, that Ours when Brown

is full as Good, as wee dont Doubt but M^r^. Benyon can Testifie who was here on the Dispatch of the Avarilla, when wee borrowed twenty Bales of Pole Chittee, but it all proved so very bad, that as indifferent as our Sorters are, they would not take in one bale of it, but wee Suppose that was Specie they Designed for Manela, or surely there could not be so vast a difference as your Hon^r^. &c^a^. mentions, wee think wee have att last made the washers mend their hands, w^ch^. gives us hopes when wee receive Your Musters of well wash't Cloth, wee shall Oblige them to imitate em very exactly, & our Sorters will endeavour if possible for the future not to give your Hon^r^. &c^a^. any cause of Complaint, thô they still declare they have sorted to the best of their Judgement, and kept as near as they could to their Musters, w^ch^. have not been Clandestinly Changed, but are the very same that was sent down from Fort S^t^. George Anno 1705 w^th^. the Company's Seal and Labills affixt to 'em, w^ch^. were wrote by M^r^. Henry Davenport who was then Secretary.

Wee will trouble Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. no more about the Purport of your eig[h]th Paragraph then to Assure you that wee have not, will not, or ever designed to Embale any Cloth of whatever Specie more than Contracted for, and our Warehousekeeper tells us, that the Cause of y^e^. Difference in those 42 Bales of forty Coveds of Betteelas was because they was packt up according to y^e^. Custom of this Place, before you were pleased to serve Us w^th^. your Order to follow that of Fort S^t^. George, w^ch^. Since y^e^. receipt of it has been punctually [observed].

Wee shant forgett to send Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. our Cash book monthly, as likewise our Paymast^rs^. Acc^ts^. provided wee can prevail w^th^. M^r^. Baker to pass 'em According to an Order of Consultation by the fiveteenth of this Month, who whether it was for want of Cash, or no, that he did not bring ' em into Consultation, wee leave Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. to Judge, that when in the month of Octob^r^. he had five Thousand five hundred Pagodas advanc't him did not pass his Acc^t^. for that Month, till y^e^. 24^th^. of Decem^r^. following, so that wee think he had much better have rested Satisfied, w^th^. y^e^. Epology wee made for the Backwardness of his Business.

Its a very particular Satisfaction to Us that your Hon^r^. &c^a^. Approve of y^e^. Progress we have made towards retrenching the Expences of this Place w^ch^. realy could not well be done before, but now wee think wee have reduced ' em as low as possible, and shan't if Avoidable Suffer ' em in y^e^. least particular to encrease and thô it will Augment 'em a little, yet since your Hon^r^. &c^a^. is Convinc't that Horses are Absolutely Necessary here, wee hope you'll send us some as soon as they can be Spared, for its not by ill Usage (for all the care was taken of these wee have imaginable) but down right hard Usage, and if it is ever Your Misfortune (w^ch^. God forbid) to be beseiged, you'll soon find there is abundance of Difference between riding in time of Warr, and Peace and that a Horse can sooner be spoilt in one, then tother [*sic*].

Though wee have no more than Two Gunners at our out Works, yet it is certain absolutely necessary wee should have more, for our Experience tells Us that there is other use for Sold^rs^. in time of Action then to Assist in Traversing a Gunn, tho they Shall allwayes if Circumstances will Permitt be trained up to that as well as small Arms.

Wee are very Glad Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. Approve of y^e^. List we sent you, of y^e^. number of Men at the severall Out Posts, and Garrison together amounts too, w^ch^. wee shall be contented w^th^. Since you are of opinion more will be Useless and that the Company will think our Incomes not Equivolent to our Expences.

Wee mistook in our Gen^ll^. Letter when wee told you Hughs Challenged Brand for the Deposition mentions quite y^e^. reverse, & indeed all Circumstances makes it appear.

Wee told Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. in ours of y^e^. 15^th^. that the Woriar of Woorapollam, who is our Chiefe Talliar, and is responsible for y^e^. Actions of his Servants, is endeavouring to procure the Person of y^e^. old woman, who Escap't hence in Sep^r^. last from y^e^. Hands of y^e^. Polligar, who now protects her for w^ch^. reason, w^th^. Submission to Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. wee dont think it proper to punish those who had her in Custody, till wee see whether he'll be able to Effect it they were Threatned very severely,

and Should have rec^{d}. as severe Chastizement, were wee not t would Disoblige the Wooriar, through whose Country all our Cloth was forc'd to pass at that time, and should such a Consequence have Attended our Severity, wee think wee know very well how wee shall be Treated, but now wee are att peace and If you please to Order it, the Chiefe Talliar here sho[uld] be sent to You in Irons, as Jango was, who Deserved a great deal worse Treatment then he rec^{d}. and if Anchor ought not to be suffered to Reside here because he was once turned out of Fort S^{t}. George Certainly for the same reason he ought not to stay here, but of all these things Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. are the properest Judges.

Wee are very sorry Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. show so little an inclination to Gratifie the request of our Merch^{ts}. because without they are put on y^{e}. same footing wth. those at Fort S^{t}. George, they dont seem in y^{e}. least willing to undertake another Contract, but wee beleive, if you think Convenient to favour 'em so farr, as to grant their request, they'll not only endeavour to procure the Quantity of Bales you desire by y^{e}. first of January, on y^{e}. same Terms your Merchants shall doe, but likewise provide as Good Cloth, tho if you demand Security for their Performance, and wont Contract wth. em without they give it, wee beleive the Settlement must prove a Dead Charge to the Company, for there is amongest 'em the most Substantiall Inhabitants of y^{e}. Place who value themselves, and Families too much to forfeit your Favour, and wee beleive won't Undertake what they cant Perform, they have been talk't too often in private on that Subject, and wee have likewise discours't 'em in Consultation in the same manner, but their Answer still is that they have been so vast Sufferers by endeavouring to serve the Company in our late Troubles that Unless they receive the Same Benefitt as others they cant propose to serve the Hon^{ble}. Company till time mends, however wee shant cease Discoursing them on the Subject Againe, and hope when M^{r}. Raworth leaves this Place to send You by him a better Acc^{t}. of this Affair.

Hee thanks you for the Permission you have given him to come to Fort S^{t}. George and wth. all Convenient Speed, will be wth. your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. and Pursuant to your Directions will leave this Place Under the Care of M^{r}. Farmer During his Absence, who Promises to Preserve it in Good Order & follow your Directions, as to Vigilence, Activity, and Visitting the Out Guards, keeping a severe Discipline Over the Military, and holding a Good Correspondence wth. Mahobutt Cawne, and other People who are inclinable to live in amity wth. Us.

Wee are very Glad to hear so good News of Cap^{t}. Goodman, that after all his Misfortunes he is safe arrived at the Cape, but are much Concerned for Cap^{t}. Cornwall who wee fear is become a Prize to the French, and Cap^{t}. Cook who wee are Apprehensive has mett with some fatall Disaster, or he must of Course have been heard off some where on y^{e}. Coast long before this, wee are likewise very Sorry for the Loss of the New George and Death of S^{r}. John Gare, and heartily wish for a Peace, w^{ch}. as it will be beneficiall to Europe in Gen^{ll}. will no Doubt give a great deal of Security to the Trade of these Parts.

Wee are very glad to hear of Cap^{t}. Roaches safe Arrival with the Souldiers, a List of whose Names wee Enclose wth. y^{e}. Am^{t}. of their arms, ammunition &c^{a}. the names of y^{e}. Deserters, should have been sent your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. apart, but that wee had not time to doe it by him, there remains as yet the Principle of 'em here who should have come at the same time, but that you wanted Effective men, and there was not roome in the Boates for any such Fellowes.

Wee have rec^{d}. the Accomptants Answer to Our Remarks w^{ch}. will Rectifie every thing, & in two dayes you shall have Our Gen'll Books.

Wee Congratulate the Arrivall of the Mary & Recovery, & wish all our Masters Shipps as good Success as those bound to Fort S^{t}. George has mett this year.

Wee shall strike our Powderman out of y^{e}. Lists of y^{e}. Comp^{as}. Servants and waite a Supply from Y^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}.

The mistake in the Article of Oringall Betteelas was the fault of the Transcriber who charged it at Sixty Eight Pagodas Twenty Eight Fanams, and Five Cash wheras it should be Sixty five Pagodas Twenty eight fanams five Cash, however the Summe is right Calculated both in the Originall and Copy. WEE ARE

FORT ST. DAVID
AUGST. THE 1ST. 1712.

HONBLE. SR. &CA.
Your most Obedt. Humble. Servts.
ROBT: RAWORTH.
RICH: FARMER.
JNO. BERLU.
RICHARD HARRISON.
MATTHEW WELD.
THOMAS WOODARD.

No. 134.

TO THE HONBLE. EDWARD HARRISON ESQR.
PRESIDT. & GOVERNR. OF FORT ST. GEORGE &CA. COUNCILL.

HONBLE. SR. &CA.

Our last to your Honr. &ca. was on ye. 1st. instant on wch. day evening, the Danes Galliot Arrived here, and Mr. Baker wth. ye. Master of her Landed, who delivered us ye. Treasure, they were intrusted with, Amounting together to 15000 Pagodas, for wch. supply wee return Your Honr. &ca. Thanks, tho 'its already disposed of 12000 being paid our joint Stock Merchants, Acctt. Callicoes Embaled, and ye. rest Advanced Our Paymaster to Defray the Expences of Our Garrison so that wee are as Poor, as ye. Day before wee recd. it.

Wee yesterday had another meeting wth. our Merchants, who wee cant as yet bring to any terms tho' wee had very tedious Debates wth. 'em on the Subject but that wee believe proceeds more from an ill habit they have got of Talking away time more than want of Inclination to Contract, and to morrow to bring em to reason, wch. M. Raworth will particularly advise you of, when he has ye. Honr. to see you, who will if possible set out to morrow evening in order to doe it.

Mr. Benfeild desiring a bill on your Honr. &ca. for three hundred & twenty Pagodas, wee have presumed to Gratifie him he paying ye. Said sum into ye. Compas. Cash here, and have given him one on your Honr. & ca. payable att three dayes Sight to Mr. Benjamen Hobbs, wth. wch. wee request [Your] Punctual Complyance.

There yesterday past by this road a large Ship wth. Armenian Colours, but from whence she came, or who she belongs too, wee cant Advise You wch. is all wee have to impart to Your Honr. &ca. at present only to Assure You Wee are

FORT ST. DAVID
AUGUST THE 3D. 1712.

HONBLE. SR. &CA.
Your most Obedt. humble. Ser[vts.].
ROBERT RAWORTH.
RICHARD FARMER.
JOHN BERLU.
RICHARD HARRISON.
PHILIP BAKER.
MATTHEW WELD.
THOMAS WOODWARD.

No. 135.

To the Honble. Edward Harrison Esqr.
Presidt. and Governr. of Fort St. George &ca. Council.

Honble Sr. &ca.

The 29th. March we were favoured wth. your Honr. &ca. Letter of ye. 1st. of Octobr. inclosing List of Necessary's to be sent your Precedency Yearly, also Copy of a Paragraph of ye. Honble. Company's Letter by his Honr. Harrison.

Wee have recd. no Letter from Your Precedency for three Years past, before this now Answering, therefore are not a little Surprised Your Honr. &ca. should blame Us for not sending you wine &ca. last Year, when did not know, what you wanted or had no Orders for ye. sending any. Wee wrote the Agent and Councill at Spahaun to provide the Horses your Honr. &ca. write for, none good to be had here, and by this ship, wee have sent the Vinegar, Achar, Rosewater, Almonds and five Chests of Shirash wine Amounting to Shas. 16274. 5 Coz. as ℔ Invoice, and Bill of Lading enclosed, for wch. have drawne a Bill on your Honr. &ca. for 4068½ Abasies and 5 Coz. payable at sight Unto Mr. Peter Curgenven and Capt. Thomas Beckford wch. Desire You'll Comply wth. the Other hundred Chests of wine shall be sent your Honr. &ca. by the Gombroone Merchant, wch. may sail 20 dayes after this Ship, wth. the five Chests of Fruit if any good to be had, and wee shall not faill of sending yearly, wt. Your Honr. &ca. have ordered in the List.

The enclosed Packett for Your Honr. &ca. recd. from Spahaune, that for Bengall request you'll please to forward by first, wee have not further to add but remain

Gombroone
June the 25ts. 1712.

Honble. Sr. &ca.

Your most humble. Servants
William Eston.
Artr. Beavis.
Warner Cuddon.
Amby Baldwyn.

No. 136

To the Honble. Edward Harrison Esqr.
Presidt. and Governr. of Fort St. George &ca. Council.

Being Perswaded that the Honble. Companies Interest and the Preservation of their Trade in Gen'll is noe less dear to You than that under Your immediate Care and direction, wee thought it not Amiss to Communicate to you what at this time very much interrupts their Commerce in this Kingdome and even threaten[s] the Loss of it wth. that ye. Companies Estate and our Liberty if not our Lives wch. in great measure may be preserved by your Prudence, & Concurring endeavours to remedy it seeming the most likely Places to find redress are when ye. Compa. has Forts and Garrisons, to defend them from Unjust Violences & where the Trade of ye. Persian Subjects is permitted and Protected equally wth. their own wch. wee Suppose will Continue no longer than the good Offices on both sides equally Performed, This Disturbance has bin Caused by our Banians wh[om] wee have been Obliged to discharge the Honble. Compas. Service for the reason wee have wrote the Honble. Court of Directors, as you may please to see by ye. extract of our Letter to 'em dated 28th. Janry. last and since to ye. Honble. Gen'll and Councill att Bombay, what has past since wee shall here give you an Acct. as also The Power trusted wth. Us by the Company to Act in such exigences and then wee shall Sugest to you our thoughts theron leaving it to your good Selves to Judge what fitt to be done for the Compas. Advantage Therin.

You may Pleace to Observe that in the 42d. Par. of ye. enclosed extract that the Banians have declared since they were turned out in ye. Presence of Mza. Metty Mizza Ismall Principall Merchants of this City as well as severall Banians & Officers

Appointed by the Governmt. to adjust our accounts that they were Tomans 4500, wee say Four Thousand five hundred Tomans, in Debt to ye. Honble. Company for which they Signed a Paper & was witnessed by ye. Persons Abovementioned, wch. writing wee have severall times demand'd to be delivered for our Justification, but too no purpose ye. alleadging for excuse that if it was delivered Us the rest of ye. Banians Creditors money would be lost they insisting all along that wee should become Security for their Debts or pay them wch. wee have as Constantly refused being in no wise Obliged to itt wherupon ye. Creditors insisted to have the Banians books opened too if ye. writing given Us by the Banians was well Grounded or not and accordingly the Attima Dowletts Secry. Mizza Sejd Mahmud came to our house and Opened The Books the Banians reading such Sums as they had pade and Cayilas sent down much insisting to have our own Books brought out yt. wee acknowledging what was recd. they might have an Oppertunity to deny what Goods had been delivered 'em after reading severall articles paid as ye. Secry. ordered them to read wt. Goods they had recd. and Sold but they refused saying wee ought to bring our Books & prove that on wch. Denial the Secry. was so just as to tell 'em their intentions were base and malicious, and that he would Cause their Bellies to be ript up & many such Angry Expressions but in the Evening said Banians went to his house & were wth. him several hours and in all Likelywood laid the heat of his Passion by the Common Cordial of this Country, and ye. next day he proceeded as before to read ye. articles in their Favour, on wch. wee rose Up refusing to sett any longer amongest them least they should urge that our setting there was an Acknowledgement of wt. they read to be true alleadging wee had discharged our Parts before in Complying with ye. Cawns order in Offering to make up our accounts when they acknowledged 'emselves to be indebted Toms. 4500 on wch. Mizza Said Mahmud Complained to ye. Cawn wee would neither make up our accts. nor come to any Terms wherat the Cawn being exasperated ordered the Banians Books should be taken out of ye. houses and Carryed to ye. Provost of Merchants or Melklijau butt the Nazar or high Steward being a Great Freind to this Kings Embassador, weighting at Bunder to be Transported to India wth. his Presents & effects on ye. English & Dutch Ships desired ye. Attima dowlett to forbear Sometime till he was departed wch. otherwise might be impeded wheron the Matter was stop't and they were silent for some time till now of late again they have demanded wee should repay the Banians Creditors wt. money they have recd. & paid to us to wch. wee have Answered yt. they not having paid any money to Us but in return of Goods sold them it does not Concern Us to Enquire from whence they received the money & especially they being still our Debtors almost 6000 Toms. insisting still to have the Banians books delivered th[em] thô they 'emselves refuse to deliver our writing these Continual Embroils wch. to us are wth. out Example in Banians gives us much Trouble & tends to ye. Laying Open ye. Nature of ye. Company's & their Servants Trade in Persia, besides wch. our Trade is absolutely stopt & wee not permitted by the Power of ye. Creditors to have any Banians to Carry it on nor our Servants to come att us being threatn'd to be killed as well as Ourselves being Continually Allarmed by such Messages, the Company's Cloth in their Warehouses remaining unsold is lyable to be eaten up by the worm's all wch. has Caused us to request of ye. Vizeir Azem to have leave to Carry out goods away wth. us to Bunder or else to depart without them but to no Purpose wee were in hopes this matter might have bi'n Accomdated had yr. Capts. & Supr. Cargoe[s] Joined wth. us, but how farr they have done it you 'll have [an] acct. from 'em having now laid before you the Matters of [Facts] wee shall in ye. next place inform you the Power ye. Honble. Company has Lodg'd in our hands in such cases in their Letter to us by ye. Phœnix in ye. 23d: Parh: they Order that if after due Application wee cant obtain the Paymt. of Arrears of Custome or wt. more comes due they leave it to our direction to stop ye. Goods comeing on Freight in any of their Ships to Gombroon till their Demands are Satisfied & in their Preamble to their Letter by the London the Houble. Court of Directors write they take it for Granted wee look on all former directions as soe many standing Orders never to be departed from wth. out Advices or ye. necessity of ye. Case shall warrant itt from whence wee inferr yt. in Cases of Necessity as wee look on this before us too bee this Clause would justifie us

to act ever against Orders & much more to make use of the Power given us for the recovery of a small part of y^e^. Comp^as^. Estate for y^e^. Preservation of y^e^. whole our own and Libertys and the Commerce of Persia in General w^ch^. wee have shewn to be manifestly in danger to redress wch. we have not bin wanting in our Applications to Court but as yett to no effect, thô wee must acknowledge the Vizier Azem or Prime Minister has Acted w^th^. much moderation & Kindness towards us but has bin Opposed by Auga Comall the Kings cheife black Eunuch who says his Shroft has Tom^s^. 3500, demands on said Banians, soe wee have no remedy but to make use of y^e^. Power Given Us & address ourselves to you also for Assistance.

You know how much y^r^. Place is concerned in y^e^. Preservation of this Trade and w^t^. advantages are gott by y^e^. Stocks employed in itt as well as by the woollen manufacture & y^e^. Share the Company has in the Custom's of y^e^. Port of Gombroon & many large Priviledges all w^ch^. desires your Reflection & Care besides tis but Reasonable that the whole Trade & Settlements of y^e^. Company should be equally Sollicitous for any part thats our of order & to render it all y^e^. Assistance necessary wherby order strength and Power will Appear to be throughout India for want of w^ch^. the Examples att Suratt are brought against Us here being nothing being [*sic*] more Common than People to say there is no Force or Governm^t^. amongst the English butt to much of it among'st the Dutch, in fine wee recommend to Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. better Judgem^t^. whether its just or Equitable that y^e^. Servants of Persia should enjoy an undisturbed & Profitable Trade under your Governm^t^. untill y^t^. of y^e^. Compa^y^. here is stopt that their Persians should be in Safety while wee are daily menaced to be cutt in Peices for noe other Reason than not Submitting to part w^th^. y^e^. Comp^as^. estate or come under Security for y^e^. Paym^t^. of Debts wee know nothing off, soe that if you dont Think fitt to put a stop to their Trade y^e^. least you can doe is to Require y^e^. same they demand of us, that is a Security from them to Answer for damages may happen to our Persons or the Comp^as^. estates in Persia w^ch^. will Open y^e^. Eyes and mouths of their Principals here to act in our behalfs to prevent their own misfortunes & wee desire if the following year you send Ships this way you give y^r^. Cap^ts^. & Sup^r^. Cargoes orders to goe to Bussora unless y^e^. Agent & Councill or Cheife & Councill inform 'em these differences are determined & y^t^. y^e^. Bills of Loading for freight Goods may have y^t^. Proviso incerted in them Our Aim being y^t^. of y^e^. Hon^ble^. Comp^as^. Prosperity wee Doubt not but you'll accept of our Wishes for yours in partic^r^. being with much Respect and Esteem.

SPAHAN 29^TH^. MAY 1712.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

Your most hum^ble^. Servants
JOHN LOCK.
RICHARD COX.
ANT^O^. RODNEY BUCKERIDGE.

P. S.

Mizza Mitty & Mizza Ismael having [bi]n very assisting to Us in these Troubles [we] desire you'll show fav^r^. to their Vackeels.

JOHN LOCK.

No. 137

EXTRACT OF A LETTER WRITTEN Y^E^. HON^BLE^. COURT OF DIRECTORS BY THE AGENT AND COUNCILL AT SPAHAUNE THE 28^TH^. JAN^RY^. 1711/12.

Hithertoo wee have carryed on Your Hon^rs^. Trade w^th^. indifferent good Success w^'h^: out meeting any Considerable Obstructions either in selling Your Goods or sending returns, but finding our Banians for sometime past very slow in their

Payments and many People come dunning 'em for money wee resolved about 5 months ago not to let 'em have any more Goods in their hands till They paid Us a Considerable Part of w^t^. they Owed your Hon^rs^. besides all your Servants in the House & after many demands made by words & even w^th^. Blowes wee Obtained their Letters to their Correspondents in Gombroon to pay the Cheife & Councill there Tomans 2000 for your Hon^rs^. Acc^tt^. w^ch^. wee sent them they alledging Constantly they had vast Sums due to 'em from People in y^e^. Buzzars or Marketts who would not Pay 'em of w^ch^. we have often demanded a List that wee might make Application to y^e^. Court for recovering the same but w^th^: out Obtaining itt till y^e^. 22 October last when they delivered itt to us in Councill Signed by Sochan Soocanon & Soocaw declaring itt to be a True & Faithfull Acc^t^. taken from their Books a Copy of w^ch^. wee send Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. N°. 9 amounting to by the first therof to Tom^s^. 18921 6

Which after Perusing wee find a great Part therof to be sent abroad & Employed for their Acc^ts^: w^th^.out any relation to Your Hon^rs^. that of y^e^. Permission Trade or w^th^: so much as Apprizing Us by the Several Articles extracted from the abovesaid Acc^t^. N°. 10 12854. 26.

	Tom^s^.		
Wee have been inform'd they have sent to Sindy by Towar their Shroft Considerable sums, but knowing the Certain amount wee only Account	500		
Wee are also told that a Servant of theirs Jackerdas carried w^th^: him in remittances ...	400		
And that Issordas a Servant now w^th^: them has gathered together for his Acc^t^. from 4 to 500	400		
Soocanon as most Persons affirm has squandred away on women, Wine & several offices in the City & Julpha that they might bring him to Justice or reveal his vices ...	1500		
		2800	—
Tomans ...		15654	26

What other sums they may have made away w^th^: is not so easy to be known to us they having had the entire managem^t^. of this Trade & Stock of this house for several years nor should wee have known so much of their Circumstances as wee doe now had wee not been alarmed by the several People who camely [*sic*] daily to dun them for money w^ch^: caused us to resolve nott to trust them any more till they gave Us an Acc^t^: w^t^: they had to Answer so many demands when they gave us An Acc^t^. N°. 9 as before mentioned & promised likewise to give us an Acc^t^. of w^t^. they Owed in the mean time wee were making our Applications to the King and Court for the getting in their Debts and where Attending w^t^. answer would come from Gombroone ab^t^. the 2000 Tom^s^. they had ordered should be paid for your Hon^rs^. Acc^t^. in hopes to find some releife by those means before wee proceed'd to the last remedy but to no purpose for on y^e^. 7^th^. Nov^r^. one of the Attimadowlets menial servants for a Debt of 12 Tom^s^. pulled one of them out of y^e^. house w^ch^. w^th^. much Perswasion wee past by butt they Comeing the next day & Offering y^e^. same Affront again wee resolved they should come no more into Your Factory Ordering their servants that remained to look the Chambers they usually sett in & Carry the Keys to their Masters that wee might not give Occasion to say wee had medled with their Books, Papers or Effects.

Wee hope Your Hon^{rs}. will not blame Us, wee have proceeded wth. so much unwillingness in this Affair foreseeing the danger their would be of loosing w^{t}. due to Y^{r}. Hon^{rs}. from them & perhaps the future Trade but y^{e}. necessity there was overcame all other Considerations they not being Able to pay w^{t}. they Owed nor Carry on the Trades for present money nor keep the Goods wee sold from Falling into their Creditors hands so had wee proceeded to trust them as far as 10000 Tom^{s}. having done it wth. our Consents your Hon^{rs}. would have run the risque of loosing it all wth.out redress wheras should the Goverm^{t}. force it from Us to pay their Subjects there would be just reason to demand reprisal again of the subjects.

Seven dayes after wee turned 'em out Hodjee Dervish wth. several Moormen & Ban^{s}. their Cred^{rs}. came to the Agent to desire him to take the Banians again into the Comp^{as}. Service alledging that they lent their mony to the Banians on the Comp^{as}. Creditt they being their Vackeels and their Principals Answerable for their Actions good or bad & that they would see y^{e}. Banians Books to know to whom their money was paid w^{ch}. being the Cheife Arguments made use of thro'out this Affair wee presume to put down their answers viz^{t}. that the Comp^{ny}. was of [indu]bitable Creditt yett that was no Argum^{t}. why wee should pay mony to any Persons wth. whom no Debt was Contracted nor so much as by our Consent or privity that the Bani^{s}. were Brokers & not Vackeels receiving 5^{ths}. ℔ C^{t}. Tomand for securing the Comp^{as}. Goods wee being Strangers not knowing who were rich & who poor who were buyers & who sellars that they had besides 1 ℔ C^{t}. p^{r}. mo'. rebate for Goods sold at time and 9 ℔ C^{t}. interest for any money due to them from y^{e}. Comp^{a}. or their Servants wheras the Banians or Shrofts in Town who took not y^{e}. bad debts on 'emselves had only 5 Gauz p^{r}. Tomand Brokeridge w^{ch}. was but 1/10 of w^{t}. ours had that y^{e}. Banians had sent 7000 Tom^{s}. to Sindy & Gombroone on their own acc^{ts}. lent several su^{s}: at Interest to Camell men & others w^{ch}. had noe relation to y^{e}. Comp^{as}. Trade & spent Considerable Sums on their own vices & Follies w^{ch}. they knew better than wee and that no Law would make us Answerable for & for their being Vackeels if they had any such instrum^{t}. from us or the Comp^{as}. if they could produce it wee would then Govern ourselves by itt that as to their money being pade to us since the Brokers paid it to us on Acc^{t}. of Goods sold them who were still Considerably in Debt itt did not Concern Us from whence they had it since we Understood itt to be y^{e}. return of our own effects, however that wee might not seem neglectfull of y^{e}. Subjects Interest as well as the Comp^{as}. wee made them these Propositions to take them in againe that they should first discharge the Comp^{as}. Debts before they come into the House that their Creditors should give an Obligation to relinquish their Interest and to give the Banians some years time for recovering in their wherin wee would bee assisting to them & for the Carrying of y^{e}. Comp^{as}. future Trade wee would sell for present money or have such other Banians Notes as wee could Confide 'em w^{ch}. Articles they rejected Saying they had a King & Umbrahs that would not permitt them to be wronged soe they left Us threatning what they would doe.

The high Steward having sent his master of Ceremonies to demand the Banians Books wee wrote a memorial to the Attimadowlett to seal up the Banians rooms that they might nott be taken from Us by violence and then Changed or laid Aside to our prejudice w^{ch}. request the Attimadowlet Granted.

The 9th. Decem^{r}. the Creditors finding it difficult to fasten their demands on the Company they having the Banians Notes for their Debts they framed a false Attestation among'st themselves that the Agent had Carryed their Prophets that might by that means frighten him into a Complyance wth. their demands or bring him into disgrace wth. the Court hopeing by these indirect means to gett some advantages or Other.

The 11th. Decem^{r}. several Moormen and Banians not Content wth. any Propositions hitherto made went in Body to Attimadowlet to Petition that they had lent money to the Company's Vackeels and that wee had turned 'em out & would not pay 'em wherupon the Cawn called Soocanon & asked him what he had done wth. the Peoples money who said that part he had given the Company & that part was out in

debts in the Buzar the Cawn directing Meer Sy'd Mahmods son Gorgeenbegue two Principal Merchants & some Banians to come & Open the Banians books & examine how this matter was & report itt to him Ordering at y^e^. same time our Trade should be suspended till further Order.

On w^ch^. resolution of y^e^. Cawns wee Petition'd that the Hon^ble^. Comp^s^. Debt might be first adjusted before they medled w^th^. the Books or removed them out the House w^ch^. he granted about the same time the Linguist brought Us word y^t^. y^e^. Brother of Mizza Ameen Coomy had told him that Twenty Moormen had Sworn on y^e^. Alcoran that if their Debts were not paid they would kill the Agent and Linguist.

Not to Trouble your Hon^rs^. w^th^. all that part 3 or 4 several times y^e^. Attimadowletts People & y^e^. Merchants came here who Chose rather to Accommodate this matter by A freindly Agreem^t^. than to expose the Banians Books & y^r^. Trade to y^e^. Governm^t^. but allwayes rejected by y^e^. several Creditors who would be contented w^th^. no less than security from Us for their Debts wee resolved to add here to y^e^. Attimadowletts Talligaw w^ch^. as said before directs Your Hon^rs^. Debts should be first adjusted wee having proved first of all that the Banians were Brokers not Vackeels by the Kings Rogum by a writing under Moola their Predecessors hands wrote to y^e^. agent and Council at Bunder wherin they declare themselves Brokers and not Vackeels & even by their own Confession in the presence of the foregoing Persons and on y^e^. 31^st^. Dec^r^. their Books being brought into the Hall & Opened they acknowledged themselves to be indebted to your Hon^rs^. Tom^s^. 4500 besides your Serv^ts^. which wee were not Unwilling to Contest more or less at that time that wee might get a writing for the same w^ch^. they signed witnessed by y^e^. Attimadowlets Tabins Moormen & several Banians w^ch^. is a sufficient Justification of your Hon^rs^. and Servants & ought to Silence the Creditors were they such as would Listen to reason & under a Governm^t^. that would force them to it in y^e^. same writing they Acknowledged they were 5500 Tomans indebted to y^e^. Moors & 6000 Tomans to y^e^. Banians Assigning over their Debts to y^e^. Payment of them & their future Brockeridge to the Payment of Your Honours.

The writing being made wee wrote to Petition to the Attimadowlet to represent to him how Unreasonable and Contrary to Justice it was y^t^. all y^e^. Banians had should be given to Others and y^e^. Company to have no more than 2½ ℔ Cent on their own Goods for so large a Sum to which wee Rec^d^. for Answer y^t^. y^e^. Creditors were not Contented ever w^th^. that Agreem^t^. & y^t^. twas not yett time to make better for Us.

The 12^th^. ins^t^. the Cawns People & y^e^. Merchants came again alleging the Cawn & Creditors were not Satisfied w^th^. the Paper lately Signed & demanded our Acc^ts^. should be made Up to w^ch^. wee replyed y^t^. if what they had done before was to no purpose w^t^. they did now was to as little and wee possitively refused to give any Acc^ts^. till such times as we had a writing for y^e^. Debt the Brokers Acknowlodged so they departed w^th^. y^t^. Answer The Mustophy Bagauya sending Us word that if wee would consent to y^e^. making up Acc^ts^. he would then bring y^e^. Creditors to w^t^. Terms we pleased w^ch^. wee Understood to be only a subtility to draw us from Sticking to that writing already Given.

The 15^th^. ins^t^. the Divanbegue or Cheif Justice seized our Linguist & Confined him on pretence that a Child of about 12 Years Old his Grandson 4 Months agoe had run over a Moorman and killed him w^ch^. if true according to their own Law as wee have a report giv'n Us by one of their Matsties is lyable to no Penalty w^t^.soever so that this Confining Our Linguist is only a stratagem made Use of to deprive Us of his Assistance in carrying Our Petitions to Court & to deter all others from serving Us they having also swore to convey our Scrivan, thus Your Hon^rs^. sees wee had some reason to doubt w^t^. might be the Success of turning out these Banians wee being threatn'd to be killed, Your Trade stopt your Books Lyable to be exposed your Debts lost vast Sums of money w^th^out reason or Justice demanded & our Servants taken from us or rendred Unserviceable to Us and the way to make our Application to Court for redress Cut of so y^t^. our staying here Appearing both Useless & dangerous the 16^th^. ins^t^. wee resolved to make a feint & to quit y^e^. Factory Under the pretence

to goe a hunting leaving Messrs. Houssaye & Cook to give that Answer if any should enquire whither wee were gone & accordingly sett out About Noon & in the Evening arrived at a Careivansera 6 Leagues from Spahan. on ye. road to Bunder, the Court was soon informed of our Going and being Apprehensive of the Consequence they immediately sent the Attimadowlet Master of Ceremonies wth. his 3 Brothers after Us & arrived Us the next morning, hee told Us the King & Attimadowlet were surprized att our going away & sent 'em to know the reason of our going & yt. if wee had any cause to be disconted wee should have first Petitioned the Vizeir Azem & if he had not redressed our Greivance then might have left ye. City wee answer'd twas true had wee had Our Servants about us and Ourselves in Security wee ought to have done as he said & as wee had allwayes Practised but when wee are menaced daily & all our servts. intimidated or Confined all manner of Application to Court was cutt off wch. was one cheife Greivance wee had Amongest others to Complain off and then wee related the rest of ye. matters we have bin Troubling Yr. Honrs. wth., he said the Cawn had severely repremand'd the Divanbegue for medling wth. our Linguist and for Other Matters the Cawn gave them Orders to assure Us from ye. King & himselve that if wee returned wee should be well Treated and our affairs finish't to our likeing that the Cawn had made Enemy's at Court who would make Use of our retiring from Spahan. as an argumt. against 'em and that iff wee had a mind to preserve his Favour wee had better to return on his first invitation tho' he knew both ye. King and the Cawn would send other Persons of Greater Quality after us butt that the Cawn would have cause to resent our refusal one time or another after several argumt. wee Consented to return & in the way mett our Linguist released, the Cawn having sent for him, to goe to ye. Capt. in his behalf & desire him to Come back again and that the Agent should write a Memorial of wt. he had to desire & should have Satisfaction given him wch. on our return wee did setting forth the affront had been given us in Seizing our Linguist demanding a writing from our Banians for the Sum they had acknowledged wth. Liberty to take wt. Banian wee pleased and to be freed from the Unjust demands of their Creditors an Answer to wch. wee have not yett recd. from ye. Cawn butt only from his Secretary wrote much to our Prejudice and to wch. wee returned for answer when the Cawn had sealed itt wee could then Consider wt. was fitting for us to doe we were in hopes to this time this Affair might be ended somewhat near the Propositions wee first made wch. has made Us Delay so long to give Your Honrs. an Acct. therof but drawing too length wee must leave the Success to God & shall inform yr. Honrs. ye. further Progress hereafter.

No. 138

To the Honble. Edward Harrison Esqr.
President. & Governour of Fort St. George &ca. Councill.

Honble. Sr. &ca.

I am favoured wth. two of your Honrs. &ca. dated the 29th. Sepr. & 23d. Nov. came to hand ye. 29 . March and 20th. April ℔ Ship Dartmouth Gombroone Merchant and Harriott.

Coppy of Cap. Howes Acct. wch. Mr. Lee deceas'd have recd. wth. ye. bill of 600 £ Sterling drew by him payable by Mr. Aaron Pacheco wch. Bill have sent Overland wth. ye. Letters of advice ordering the same to be paid to my Mother Mrs. Mary Eston whom have Ordered on receipt. therof to pay the same to Mr. Lees Sisters takeing a receipt of them.

I return Your Honr. &ca. my most hearty thanks for your Favour in receiving the money from Capt. How I cant tell how can prove the will here more effectual then did last year the Copy then sent being attested by the Persons of most Creditt that belonged to ye. Bengall Shipping who See the Originall Will wrote by Mr. Lees own hand & there is but two of ye. witnesses yt. signed the Originall now Living, who are Mr. John Scattergood & Capt. Henry Hornett if one or both of 'em be att Madrass may prove the will by ye. Attested Copy's therof sent for these 3 years past for it

can't be supposed so many Gentlemen would have sett their hands to it unless had seen the Originall therfore if your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. think that not y^{e}. Copy of y^{e}. Sisters Letter Attorney to me Transmitted last Year sufficient must have Patience till my Affair will permitt me to pay my respects to your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. for to send y^{e}. Originall will to Madrass is w^{t}. I cant Answer, but this I assure you the will has been allowed of here and by y^{e}. Sisters in England, & I remitted Agent Owings Estate hence to his Father on the like Occasion.

By Cap^{t}. Hows Acc^{t}. I find he has Charged 5 ℔ Cent on 10318 Pagodas 19 fanams thô y^{e}. Proffitt & Principle on w^{t}. employed is no more then 8447.28 fan^{ms}. nor has he allowed any Interest on y^{e}. money he has kept Unjustly in his hands so long.

The 10000 rupees Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. remitted to Bengall on y^{e}. John & Elizabeth was paid to Cap^{t}. Saunders who Contrary to my Orders has putt y^{e}. Same into y^{e}. Gombroons Stock on Arrivall of w^{ch}. Ship desire your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. will receive the Same wth. the propo[r]tion of Profitt w^{ch}. wth. y^{e}. remaining money in case Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. are not willing to transmitt desire may remain in his Hon^{r}. Harrisons hands not being willing it should be putt in y^{e}. Company's. Cash.

I cant Ballance M^{r}. Lees Books by reason some Effects are unsold & severall Debts standing out else should have transmitted a Copy therof I heartily wish all Health & Prosperity may Attend Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. Persons and Remain.

GOMBROONE 25TH. JUNE 1712.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.

Your most Obed^{t}. hum^{ble}. Serv^{t}.
WILLIAM ESTON.

No. 139

TO THE HON^{BLE}. EDWARD HARRISON ESQ^{R}.
PRESID^{T}. & GOVERNOUR OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE &C^{A}. COUNCILL.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.

This waits on your Hon^{r}. &c$_{a}$. by y^{e}. Rising Sun Briggantine withall material Acc^{ts}. of our Hon^{ble}. master's Affaires on this Coast since last Advices by y^{e}. Toddington Cap^{t}. Tho^{s}. Blow Command^{r}. w^{ch}. hope before this are safely Arrived You.

The Thistleworth Cap^{t}. Daniell Small Sayled hence y^{e}. 7 . of Feb^{ry}. a full Laden Ship as your Hon^{r}. &c$_{a}$. will receive by Copy of her invoices Amounting to Pag^{ds}. 15621. 19. 5 Ca. & in Compliance to y^{r}. Orders wee protested against y^{e}. Comman^{ds}. going to Batavia.

Persuant to your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. Lett^{rs}. by y^{e}. Rising Sun these Settlem^{ts}. being destitute of stores she was sent to Batavia in February last and on her M^{r}. Henry White wth. Pag^{ds}. 3000 to purchase stores, upon his Arrival there he found the Rochester from China and bound for Europe a full ship, but the Chineese having forced more Tea on y^{e}. Super Cargoes then they Agreed for or was able to take in 300 Tubs was sent y^{e}. Gen'll of Batavia on a China Junk and from thence to us, & Conceiving it more to our Hon^{ble}. Masters interest have Consigned it to your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. on this Vessell.

The Jane is not yet Arrived or can wee hear any news of her, we are advised y^{t}. the Hester Cap^{t}. Keyser sayled from Batavia y . 20th. of Jan^{ry}. the Thistleworth touched at said Place from whence she sayled in Company wth. y^{e}. Rochester the 25th. of Feb^{ry}. so hope they'll Join wth. y^{e}. Dutch Fleet before they leave y^{e}. Cape.

The Abraham Briggantine Rowland Webb Master arrived here from Bengall wth. Salt Peter & Ophium w^{ch}. wee have rec^{d}. the Elizabeth Gally Cap^{t}. Andrew Magdowell master from Batavia the 26th. March of whom bought some Arrack &c^{a}. Stores y^{t}. y^{e}. Europe Shipping dispatched hence hereafter may not want a Supply.

Wee are well stocked w^th^. Salt Petre & redwood for this [illegible] season but Cloth has been much wanted a long time so desire a supply as soon as possible Long Cloth Sallampores & Guerahs blew & white are y^e^. best esteemed here and if your Hon^r^. &c^a^. please to assist us w^th^. Stores twill mightly Support y^e^. Settlement.

Our Utmost endeavours has not been wanting to encrease & improve the Pepper Trade and have so well Succeeded therein that our Godownes are all full also have found a way to gett y^e^. Pepper from Tallow & Saloomah by Land Carriage by the industry of y^e^. China Men & had it not been by the ill managem^t^. of y^e^. Cheifs att Bantall never was a fairer Prospect of our Hon^ble^. Masters retreiving their Losses we have Prosecuted Gov^r^. Collets instruct^s^. as much as possible as your Hon^r^. &c^a^. may Perceive by y^e^. Acc^ts^. of this Place having reduced all the expences as low as possible wee could.

M^r^. John Daniel late Deputy Gov^r^. being deceas'd y^e^. Charge of this Place devoted on M^r^. John Hunter Present Deputy Gov^r^. who being the only Person Living Appointed by M^r^. Jeremiah Harrison Supervisor has better management of his Admitted and required the Assistance of M^r^. Tho^s^. Loyd and M^r^. Stephen Bailhon and M^r^. Henry White factors to Consult & direct our Hon^ble^. Masters Affairs on this Coast till wee know Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. Pleasure to the Contrary.

It is a great Misfortune to our Hon^ble^. Masters and Us that wee are not able to undertake a satisfactory acc^t^. of their Affairs to y^e^. Northward w^ch^. is purely owing to the obstinacy & Unjust Actions of y^e^. Cheife M^r^. Matthew Saunders who Notwithstanding our repeated Orders to him from these wholesome Ones we have rec^d^. from Our Hon^ble^. Masters and your Hon^rs^. & to treat the Natives Courteously and by a mild Government to winn their Affections he has on y^e^. Contrary imprisoned the head men & by a severe and harsh Usage to all y^e^. Natives about him so exasperated them that they are resolved to oppose the R^t^. Hon^ble^. Companys Qui[et] and Trade whilest he continues Cheife this and many more such Proceedings w^ch^. are fully expressed in a Paper wee have alledged against him to humbly refer Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. we suspended him the R^t^. Hon^ble^. Company's Service till wee receive your orders to the Contrary wee hope for y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. Approbation in this Affair since the Safety of our Masters Effects and Preservation of all the Northern Settlements depend on this expedient.

Wee send M^r^. Stephen Bailhon thither on this Vessell w^th^. A Commission to be Cheife and hope as he is a Person well esteemed by y^e^. Natives and has hither discharged himselfe faithfully to y^e^. Hon^ble^. Comp^y^. he may be Complying w^th^. our instructions put an end to the present Troubles there w^ch^. are so intolerable expences and that Accomplished wee presume in a short time by his good management and Frugality in expence to render you[r] Hon^r^. &c^a^. a faithfull Acc^t^. w^th^. y^e^. whole Charge of them Settlements can well be reduced to maintaining the same places our Hon^ble^. Masters are possessed of.

The Godownes Ordered by the Supervisor to be built at Corrang are now in very Good forwardness & we are daily Confirmed it will be much for the Compa^ys^. Interest when they are finish't having Boats of Pepper often lost Comeing Over the Barr w^ch^. is a great Discouragement to the People from whom the best Pepper wee gott att this Place.

The house att Kingsclift being very Crazy and would cost considerable to rebuild it and of no service to our Hon^ble^. Masters wee have pulled it down and Used w^t^. Timbers were serviceable to repair other Necessary's w^ch^. wee hope your Hon^r^. &c^a^. will approve of.

M^r^. Henry White being sent to Batavia has kept our Gen'll books behind hand & wee could not well detain this Vessell any longer on this Coast having y^r^. hon^r^. &c^a^. Orders to y^e^. Contrary w^ch^. Prevents our Transmitting them by this Conveyance

Wee finding M^r^. William Ettrick very diligent & honest in his Stewards employ having much Retrench't the Charges of Dyett and Served the R^t^. Hon^ble^. Company here as a Writer two years wee have to encourage him, made him a Factor w^ch^. y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. will Allow off.

The Masters of ye. Rising Sun Informing Us it was the Agreemt. of Marriners to have their months Pay Advanced them upon their Arrivall att Batavia we have discharged it wth. Severall Other Repairs yt. Vessell really wanting as your Honr. &ca. will perceive by the Accts. included.

Wee have recd. into ye. Honble. Compas. Cash Ps. [*lacuna*] being part of wt. due to Mr. Anthony Ettricke Outcry deceased so that wee [sic] now stands indebted in our Gen'll. Books Ps. [*lacuna*] wch. wee still endeavour to see paid very shortly but there has been so many Outcry's of Deceased Persons effects Latterly that wee have a great deal of Trouble to gett them paid.

Upon the decease of Mr. John Daniell found in his Chest Ps. [*lacuna*] wch. have paid into the Rt. Honble. Company's Cash & Given his estate Creditt and wt. other things belonging to him have sold att publick Outcry, wee have not too add only to wish ye. Prosperity of our Honble. Masters Affairs in all their Settlements and Assure your Honr. &ca. of ye. best of our Endeavours for the encrease of their Interest in these wee remain with due respects.

York Fort
Bencoolen this 19th. day
of May 1712.

Honble. Sr. &cA.
Your most Obedt. humble. Servts.
John Hunter.
Thos. Loyd.
Stephen Bailhon.
Henry White.

No. 140

To the Honble. Edward Harrison Esqr.
Presidt. & Governr. of Fort St. George &cA. Councill.

Honble. Sr. &cA.

The last vessell Dispatcht hence was ye. Rising Sun Briggantine Moss Wilkins Master ye. 19th. May last on whom wee sent 300 Tubs of ye. Rt. honble. Companys Tea Consigned to Yr. Hon . &ca. amounting to Pagds. 4300 5 fs. as Appears ℔ Invoice & bill of Lading and Expect it will Arrive wth. our Packett by her (Containing as ℔ List therof here included) before this wch. comes on ye. Elizabeth Gally Andrew Mackdowell wth. y . best Acct. wee are Capable of rendring Your Honr. &ca. of ye. present State of these Settlements & wt. wee can think conducive to our Honble. Masters Interest in them wch. wee hope may in some measure meet Yr. Honr. &cas. Approbation.

Mr. Stephen Bailhon to whom wee gave a Commission to be Cheife of Bantall (as wee advised your Honr. &ca. in our last Gen'll Copy of wch. comes wth. this) is Arrived there & hope by his good management of our honble. masters Affairs wee shall by ye. next Conveyance be able to present your Honr. &ca. an Acceptable Acct. of them in these parts the Governing men att Bentall being well satisfied wch. ye. Present Cheife as they have Signified in severall Mallay Letters to ye. Deputy Governour & promise their Utmost endeavours to encourage ye. Pepper Plantation and wt. else may be of advantage to ye. Rt. Honble. Company and to ye. same purpose the Cheife & Councill have wrote to Us in their last Letter dated the 6th of June wch. comes inclosed for yr. Honr. &cas. Perusal.

We have now 537 Bahars of Pepper 4199 Sticks of redwood and 3470 baggs of Salt Petre in our Godownes here and att Sillabarr by wch. your Honr. &ca. will find wt. Tonnage wee are able to dispatch this Season.

Cloth has been and is now much wanted for ye. Payment of severall expences &ca. and ye. season being late and no ship Arrived Us from your Port conceiving it to our Honble. masters Interest have bought 25 Corge of Cambayes at Ps. 35 wch. wee sell at Ps. 60 and Corge 7 10 Ps. Beatillers redd and blew at Pas. 34 which goes of at Pas. 70 & 80 Corge of Sallampores att Pas. 34 sell for Pas. 50 like 4 Chests of Beer and 3 of wine of which three goes to Bentall and four for this Place it having been

allways allowed the Company's Servants at their meals who are much dissatisfyed to want having had no Supplys of Europe Liquors for some time & being advised of Sev^{ll}. Ships sent out this season from England, but none for this place presume wee have not done Amiss.

Herewith comes a List of our Civill and Military Servants in this Place w^{ch}. at present especially y^{e}. former are very much wanted as also what stores absolutely wanting and we have Ordered y^{e}. Gentlemen att Bantall to send your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. y^{e}. same Papers wth. an Acc^{t}. of w^{t}. pepper they have now in Godownes.

The Ship Industry arrived in Sillebarr Road the 11th. Ins^{t}. and being in distress the Super Cargoes M^{rs}. Charles March and Rigby Applyed themselves to us for Assistance, wee have granted them Liberty of putting some Goods on Shore till the Leaks are Stopped & Supplyed them wth. what other Necessaryes we are able for y^{e}. Preservation of y^{e}. Ship and Men w^{ch}. hope Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. will approve of.

In making up our Packett by y^{e}. Rising Sun wee overlooked the Masters Acc^{ts}. of her expences at Batavia w^{ch}. wee now forward (wth. w^{t}. other Papers wee can think Material) under this Cover.

Since our last Advice the Estate of M^{r}. Anthony Ettrick has paid P^{s}. 1575 10$^{fa.}$ so that there is now due from him P^{s}. 2630. 15$^{fa.}$ 7$^{c.}$. M^{r}. Richard Skingle Still Owes P^{s}. 6213. 8^{fa} 2$^{c.}$ and his Outcry all paid except P^{s}. 1065. 15$^{fa.}$. M^{r}. Samuel Stotherd in Madrass still indebted, wee have sold 13 Pecoll 16½ Cattee of Sticklack said M^{r}. Stotherd left hehind him to a Mallay Man for Pag^{ds}. 105 for w^{ch}. he has Creditt and is all as we have as yett Rec^{d}. on his Acc^{t}. on any other the Company Debtors, wee Advised Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. in our Letter ℔ Toddington.

M^{r}. Henry White one of y^{e}. Trustees to M^{r}. Henry Griffith Dec$_{d}$. representing to us that there was a Ballance of P^{s}. 212$^{f.}$ —$^{c.}$. 7 due to said Griffith on his Storekeepers Acc^{t}. w^{ch}. he desired paym^{t}. of wee upon Examination into his Accounts find to be a just Debt and have discharged the Amount.

The Tirm of y^{e}. Arrack Lycence being expired y^{e}. 7th. ins^{t}. wee lett itt out again att y^{e}. Rate of 50 ℔ Mensem as it went before w^{ch}. wth. y^{e}. Ophium Lycence att p^{s}. 400 ℔ Añn. is all y^{e}. revenues the Company have in this Settlem^{t}. we assure your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. whenever an Oppertunity Offers shall not be backwards to improve them or any thing else wee think may tend to y^{e}. benefitt of our Hon^{ble}. Employers.

The Carrang Godownes w^{ch}. are now pritty near finished, has made our Paymasters Acc^{t}. a little high the last Month Amounting to P^{s}. 1220. 16.$^{c.}$ — but wee expect shortly to bring it much lower, and please to be assured wherever wee find any thing can well be reduced, we shall be glad to have the Oppertunity of doing it.

The Ballance of y^{e}. R^{t}. Hon^{ble}. Camp^{ny}. Cash this day is p^{s}. 2474. 16$^{f.}$ 2$^{c.}$, of w^{ch}. wee shall be very Carefull in the Disbursting.

Wee are very Glad to Advise Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. that y^{e}. Country here is very Quiett & a prospect of much Pepper and wee shall take care to be very punctual in Our Advices and remitting our Acc^{ts}. to Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. when an oppertunity Offers, & be as frugall as possible in our expences & as vigorous in incouraging the Pepper Trade w^{ch}. wee are sensible is y^{e}. Cheife thing will recommend Us to Our Hon^{ble}. Masters & y^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. we wish y^{e}. Greatest Success to their Affaires, and Crave leave to Subscribe Ourselves.

York Fort
Bencoolen June Ye.
[22nd] 1712.

Hon^{ble} S^{r}. &c^{a}.
Y^{r}. most Obed^{t}. hum^{ble}. Serv^{ts}.
John Hunter.
Tho^{s}. Loyd.
[Henry White]

No. 141

To the Hon^ble. Edward Harrison Esq^r.
Presid^t. & Govern^r. of Fort S^t. George &c^a. Councill.

Hon^ble. S^r. &c^a.

Our last to your hon^r. &c^a. was the 4^th. inst. ℔ the Rising Sun Moss [Wil]kins master since w^ch. time our constant endeavours has [been] to reconcile the Contending Partys and obtain a Peace [w^ch. w]ee have happily effected and now enjoy by setting Raj[a . . .]ota (who was a Prisoner in the Factory) at Liberty w^th. y^e. Consent of y^e. Sultan and at y^e. request of the Mandareens Proatteens &c^a. Governing men, as likewise his son Raja Sillaman who was lately Confined by M^r. Saunders repugnant to his Promise when he came hither from Mocco to have a gen'll Beecharra in Order to Settle all matters they have both in y^e. Presence of y^e. Mandareens &c^a. Governing men Acknowledged the Sultan their Lawfull king and taken an Oath of Allegiance to him on the Mahometan Alcoran, Inviolably to Obey him as such.

The Pepper w^ch. was left at Manduta when that Place was Surrender'd to Raja Sillaman was Sent by him from thence in a Praw butt unfortunately lost upon the Barr here he Promises a restitution of w^t. effects where there belonging to y^e. R^t. Hon^ble. Company when he took Possession of the Place and that the Sultan and he will a [*sic*] build a house at Mocco at their own Charge to receive in w^t. Pepper shall be purchased for y^e. R^t. Hon^b'le. Company in those Parts.

During the time of their late differences here wee have had very little Pepper come in, the People being in fear of Raja Sillamans intercepting it as they brought it down y^e. rivers but wee hope shall not meet w^th. any such Obstructions for y^e. future nor the People be retarded from bringing in their Crops, wee have att present twenty odd Bah[ars] in y^e. Godowne here & exp[ect more quantities] to Come in daily here at Ippue, & Tryam[ong], not having brought in any of that Commodity for these three Crops past.

Accompanying comes a List of w^t. Wares and Stores this Settlement is now in need off and hope y^r. hon^r. &c^a. will please to supply us as also comes a List of all our Civill and Military in or under the direction of this Place w^ch. wee hope will not w^th. y^r. hon^r. &c^a. Approbation, wee have not too add, but remaine w^th. due Respects.

Bentall Factory
July the 1^st. 1712.

Hon^ble. S^r. &c^a.
Your most Obed^t. hum^ble. Servants
Stephen Bailhon.
William Fox.

No. 142

To the Hon^ble. Edward Harrison Esq^r.
Presid^t. & Govern^r. of Fort S^t. George &c^a. Councill.

Hon^ble. S^r. &c^a.

The 11^th. this inst. wee wrote Y^r. Hon^r. &c^a. ℔ Cossids, herewith comes Copy of y^e. same to w^ch. refer.

Wee have rec^d. none from you, since what Acknowledged in y^e. foregoing.

The Prince who is Patna[*sic*] has his Army consisting of about 6000 horse & foot Arrived near Muxadavad where the Duan is with his Army w^ch. is greater in Number, but most of them poor sorry People w^ch. y^e. Treasure of Bengall being about 70 Lack of Rupees w^ch. Occasioned M^r. Hedges to leave Cossimbazar, the Dutch and all y^e. black Merchants were likewise doing the same & by this time tis thought, that Timerbeege [&] Resheedcawne who is y^e. Princes Gen'lls and y^e. Duan have come to a Battle, should the Princes Party gett the day, as tis supposed hee will then all

Bengall will fall into the possession of y^e^. Patna Prince Tunuckseer w^ch^. will enable him to hold out longer agains[t] his Uncle y^e^. Emperor whose Army as yet wee do not hear is Arrived Att Patna

Just now a Messenger is come from Zody cawne desiring our Broker may go up to him he having some news to impart of such Consequence as was not fitt to committ in writing, the times bring so very Precarious, wee did not think fitt to trust our Broaker up so sent up the Ockoon whom wee expected to return in 2 or 3 dayes, so deferred sending this as intended ℔ last Cossids not knowing but wee might have knews from Zoodycawne of Importance to Communicate to You, for here has been some flying reports, as if the King had died of a wound rec^d^. when Contending w^th^. his Brothers.

Our Ockoon is returned from Zoodycawne whose private Business was to Acquaint Us that the Patna Prince had sent him an Order to take Hughly under his Care for y^e^. Prince, and to prevent the Duans whom he supposed would be Overcome by his Forces sent agains[t] him making his escape Zoodycawne desires Our Advice w^t^. to do in y^e^. Affair, he being able to Seize that Place lying near Hughly w^th^. an Army of About 2000 horse and Foot, our Answer was, as he being our Old Freind wee wished him well, but cannott be so able to give him Advice in matters relating to y^e^. Government of y^e^. Country as himself is soe Capable off. 23^d^. JUNE

The Prince has sent Us his Phirmaund Understanding that wee are some force here to prevent the Duans making his escape this way to w^ch^. as yett wee have given no Answer, wee rec^d^. y^e^. 12^th^. of this instant & think it better to take no Notice of it, The Duan has also sent to Us for Souldiers & Ammunition &[Ships] on Condition of which he will[...] wee are to do in these Precarious times, is to give civill ans^rs^. to both Party's, but too be very Cautious Openly to Assist any.

Instead of hearing the Princes forces, or y^e^. Duans had got the better, they being so very near one another wee have rec^d^. Advices from Cassimbuzar that the Prince had called away all his Forces y^t^. he had sent into Bengall for the Kings Treasure, to return to him and that the Prince w^th^. his Army was decamping, intending to march beyond Pattna to Hillahavad w^ch^. is about 110 Course this Suddain motion of his is occasioned by the Kings resolutions to come down on him w^th^. an Army himselfe y^e^. Advices mention he was to leave Dilly about y^e^. end of last month, w^ch^. Place is distant from Hillahavad, about 250 Course, if this proves true Bengall may be more quiet then was expected, but Trade is likely to be stopt till a decition is made, thô none think that the Prince will be able to w^th^.stand his Uncle the King; these are y^e^. latest Advices wee have had. 24^th^. JUNE

Yesterday y^e^. Ship William Imported this place by w^ch^. wee rec^d^. your Hon^r^. &c^a^. of y^e^. 10^th^. instant wee return you thanks for the Europe News imparted to us and shall be Glad to hear y^e^. News of y^e^. Peace Confirmed.

Wee are concerned that our Cossids should be so long between Ballasore & Vizagapatam, wee have Ordered M^r^. Acton at Ballasore to lay Tappys every 20 Miles, to w^ch^. he says, that he can gett none to agree for any further than Ganjam, so he has wrote to M^r^. Hastings to lay some between Vizagapatam & that Place, and for the Charges wee will be accomptable to him.

Wee Observe what your Hon^r^. &c^a^. writt about Grain and are Glad that at present you are so easie Under that Article, the very same extraordinary management that has Occasioned rice to be 100 ℔ cent Cheaper at Ballasore than here, did Occasion it to be about[. . .] dearer at Hughly, than at Callcutta, Rice has been extraordinary dear att Patna, Dacca & Cassimbuzar and all over Bengall, and as for w^t^. you write about the vast Quantitys of Rice being exported from Ballasore to Metchlepatam & your Place, is an Erroneous Surmise, M^r^. Dean who was then there, well assuring Us that y^e^. Vessels from Metchlepatam & other Places, who came for rice were turned away empty and the Phousdar would not permitt any one to Carry it off, both the English and Dutch were denyed and what little M^r^. Dean Procured for himself he was obliged to make no little Interest for, and by y^e^. time it came up to Calcutta twas nigh 14 An^s^. ℔ maund, so that you'll find it was not so Cheap there, as you think the time he left Ballasore was in y^e^. middle of Jan^ry^. so

does not know but a Ship or two might goe w^th^. rice after he left that Place, there being two or three ready to Sail for the Coast, but as for the Vessells that Constantly come for Grain belonging to Metchlepatam had none.

Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. Paragraph relating to the Bengall Merchant, wee cannot but take Notice off the Command^r^. Cap^t^. Evans who fitted that Ship will Out she being then intended for a Persia Voyage, One would hardly have thought to have been so mad, as to have ventured out on her himselfe, had she been in y^e^. Condition you are pleasd to represent, however that Ship & Cargoe belong to ℔ 'cular People, and not to y^e^. Comp^ny^. therfore your Amazement had better become a private Letter, than your Generall.

The Acc^t^. you give of y^e^. Cap^t^. of y^e^. Jane is very Unaccountable, however wee are Glad to hear that the Deputy Governour is Arrived safe w^th^. you.

Tis a very acceptable peice of News to Us to hear y^t^. a Peace is Concluded at Fort S^t^. Davids & thô is [*sic*] has cost y^e^. Comp^y^. a sum of money wee think itt better bestowed now to prev^t^. farther Charges & to reap y^e^. benefitt [. . .] wee can not but again put Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. in mind of sending Us y^e^. 400 Bales, do hope wee may receive y^m^. ℔ y^e^. Darby, else will be a great disappointm^t^. to us.

Do note that at y^e^. request of Deputy Governour Collett, you have sent Leivtenant Burlace intead of Lievtenant Orrell, w^ch^. wee Approve off, Wee are

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

Your very hum^ble^. Servants

JOHN RUSSELL.
ROB^T^. HEDGES.
ABR: ADDAMS.
W^M^. LOYD.
SAM^LL^. FEAKE.
JAMES WILLIAMSON.
JN^O^. DEANE.
EDW^D^. PAGE.

FORT WILLIAM
JULY 25^TH^. 1712.
℔ COSSIDS.

N^O^. 143

TO THE HON^BLE^. EDWARD HARRISON ESQ^R^.
PRESID^T^. & GOVERNOUR OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE &C^A^. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

This Accompanys our Gen'll. Books w^ch^. were finished the 17^th^. and should have been sent away some dayes ago but the Nabob's Unexpected Approach w^th^. a great Army and Treacherous designes Obliged Us to prefer the Necessary preparations for our defence, to all other business. He came hither y^e^. 21^st^. & y^e^. day before M^r^. Hastings rec^d^. a very kind inviting Letter to meet him w^th^. a promise of great favours but his faithless Actions & barbarous Treatm^t^. of y^e^. Dutch at Bimlipatan [gave] sufficient warning not to trust him.

The Cheife was carried from the Factory w^th^. 300 Gunmen and affronted in a most Shamefull manner till he Complyed w^th^. their Demand of ab^t^. four hundred Pag^ds^. besides spice and other Presents, he & all their Serv^ts^. were terrified w^th^. y^e^. Nabobs Threats to y^e^. Loss of their Senses, for they never can answer to their Masters such tame Sufferings, when two ships of near forty Guns & one hundred men each lye at an Anchor in the road.

When the Nabob found a disappointm^t^. in his invitation by Letter, he sent one of his principall men w^th^. an Elephant some horse and an handsome Attendance w^th^. y^e^. most Solemn Protestation of Freindship, desiring that M^r^. Hastings would wait Upon him to receive y^e^. Greatest hon^r^. & Tasheriffe that ever were made to any english Cheife in Vizagapatam, but resolving not to be deluded by those fair Promises

he then demanded a great Sum of money or that Vizagapatam &c^{a}. Towns should be let out to old Renters, w^{ch}. wee answered with Charging him for y^{e}. money taken from Us unjust^{y}. last year & Stopping the Company's Trade to their great detrement after wee had paid for his ℔wannas According to Sallabad and in this manner disputes pro & Con lasted the 24th. till Midnight, when Orders were given for decamping & yesterday before Noon, the Nabob just Upon departure sent for our Vackeele desiring his Attendance for a few dayes who is accordingly gone to adjust Acc^{ts}. & keep Us advised of his Proceedings w^{ch}. wee beleive by the great hast he makes & Gen'll report is to Secure his Treasure at Ragemundrum before a superior Power can call him to an Acc^{t}.

Wee have paid w^{t}. due to the Hon^{ble}. Comp^{a}. in these Books & these articles charged to M^{r}. Faucett & M^{r}. Smith & Cunshem Lingana &c^{a}. merchants comes to their Credit in the next Acc^{t}. the Investm^{t}. and Paymasters Employs.

We have no Reason to Doubt of 100 Vizagapatam & 200 Ingerom Bales for Sep^{r}. and have Contracted wth. our Merchants for Pag^{s}. 2000 fine Sallampores at Pag^{s}. 26 & Neckloths 1000 Pag^{s}. at 3 Pag^{s}. P^{r}. P^{s}. for fine Long Cloth, we can't yet bring 'em to accept 60 Pag^{s}. & for [...] Percollas & Chey Goods, wee expect y^{e}. Muster from M^{r}. Faucett, to whom have sent 6000 Pag^{s}. for Ingerom Goods, & hope he'll give encouragement for further Supplys, and for course Long Cloth wee must depend upon those Parts, the Weavers in this Country having been so disturbed, that their Looms for that work cant be soon fixed in their new Dwellings, & Country Cotton being so dear, & that of Surratt not serving their turn are two other great impediments.

M^{r}. Holcombes Houses are nothing but a heap of rubbish & y^{e}. Fruits of y^{e}. Garden were made Over to M^{r}. Hastings (to pay the Gardeners wages) of w^{ch}. Mad^{m}. Holcombe and her mother have yearly had a share, the Ground is so much decayed by to thick planting the Trees that Abundance are dead, and to preserve the best at least half should bee rooted Up, & all the Ground new Moulded w^{ch}. would be a very great Charge, and not answer expectation for some years.

Hearing from Bimlepatam that the Ships seen of Ganjam were Dutch wee dispatched the Derby the 18th. having rec^{d}. the Treasure Stores &c^{a}. according to bill of Loading.

Wee were just now favoured wth. y^{rs}. of y^{e}. 20th. by the Barrinton, and heartily wish a safe Arrival to the Hon^{ble}. Comp^{as}. Ships expected from England, and wth. full Assurance of our Utmost Care & Diligence to answer your Expectation in Bales, we most Respectfully Subscribe.

VIZAGAPATAM
JULY 26TH. 1712.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.
Your most Obed^{t}. hum^{ble}. Serv^{ts}.
FRA^{S}. HASTINGS.
ROB^{T}. CRANWELL.

P.S.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.

Our Diary's & Consultations wth. Paymast^{rs}. Accounts are ready for next Oppertunity.

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F. HASTINGS.
R. CRANWELL.

No. 144

To the Honble. Edwd. Harrison Esqr.
Presidt. & Governr. of Fort St. George &ca. Council.

Honble. Sr. &ca.

Wee have none of your Honr. &ca. Unanswered Governr. Raworth having made replys to all your Honr. &ca. Letters before his Departure hence, wch. was on ye. 5th. inst. & wee hope long 'ere this he is arrived at Fort St. George in Safety.

Wee are sorry such a Dismal Chain of Accidents should attend this Place, but wee must acqt. your Honr. &ca. that the Day before Govr. Raworth left this place, William Fox a Serjeant having some Dispute at a Punch house at Cuddalore there wth. his sword he stabbd a Conicoply belonging to ye. Arrack renters after which he made his escape thô the woods and [fled to] Porto Novo from whence he endeavoured to gett to Negapatm. to take service there, but the Junkaneers at Colleron river not permitting him to pass without paying their Customary Duty's (which he had not to pay) he was necessitated to return to Porto Novo where Serjeant Piccard delivered Govr. Raworths Pardon if he would returne to his Duty. This Serjeant Fox is a brisk man and performs the Military exercise very well for wch. the Govr. had a great kindness for him, but the Occasion of sending him a Pardon was upon an information or hopes that the Conicoplys wound was not mortall but on the contrary some time after the Govrs. Departure ye. Conicoply dyed, Serjeant Piccard brought Fox ye. next day, who is Confined to the Factory till your Honr. &ca. further Pleasure bee known Concerning him.

By this Conveyance wee send our Gen'll Books ending the Ultº. Aprill last to Govr. Raworth for him to signe, and deliver them to your Honr. &ca.

All things are in Quietness round our Bounds Mahabutt Cawne has not been at ye. feast at Trevindaparum nor cant be their this season being taken up in receiving his necessary Orders from Surop Sing for his being Phousdar of ye. Walldore Country's &ca.

Since the departure of ye. Fame & Charlton no Shipps or Vessells has past by this Place, excepting a Danes Briggantine bound from the Northward to Trincombar, wch. is wt. offers att present, save yt. wee are wth. all respect.

Fort St. David
August the 11th. 1712.

Honble. Sr. &ca.
Your most Obedt. humble. Servts.
Richard Farmer
John Berlu.
Richard Harrison.
Phillip Baker.
Matthew Weld.
Thomas Woodard.

No. 145

To the honble. Edward Harrison Esqr.
Presidt. & Governour of Fort St. George &ca. Council.

Honble. Sr. &ca.

Wee wrote your Honr. &ca. the 11th. instant sending by the same Conveyance our Gen'll books, wch. wee hope is come safe to your reception.

Tis no small Concern to us, that wee have Occasion given to Advise your Honr. &ca. of another murther Committed by one James Starkey a Corporall on ye 15th. inst. at Night, said Starkey after having answered to his name at 7 in ye Evening in ye. Fort through remisness of either the Serjeants Corporals or Centinels got out of ye. Fort Gate, where he past his time, after his escape out of ye. Fort, wee can't Learne but about 10 at night he came to ye. Punch house door, & knockt saying

he wanted some Punch, Cordeiro the Portuguez man that looks after the house made answer that he had no Batavia Arrack, then Starkey bid him make some of Columbo, but Cordeiro made answer he would make none, upon this Starkey made severall attempts to force Open the Punch house door, Swearing he would Cutt Cordeiros Gutts out, when Cordeiro heard him in such a violent Passion he called out, and bid somebody run to y^e^. Fort and call for a Guard, a poor Fellow that drawes Toddy happened at y^e^. same time to be near y^e^. Punchhouse, whom Starkey with his Sword gave 70 or 80 Stabs, of w^ch^. wounds he dyed about 10 a Clock next morning, Starkey after his Stabbing the man Surrender'd himselfe a Prisoner to y^e^. Guard, giving his Sword saying he had murthered a man, and that his Conscience flew into his Face, he is secured in y^e^. Cockhouse, at the Fort in Iron waiting your Hon^r^. &c^a^. further orders about him.

The Mary Packquett arrived here the 15^th^. in y^e^. morning & y^e^. Madapollam yesterday in y^e^. [morn]ing who brought Us a short Letter from M^r^. Secretary [...] Giving Account of some Letters, as ℔ Invoice w^ch^. was formerly sent to this Place. Wee have upwards of 50 Bales made up, w^ch^. is not enough to fill either Vessell wee wait for a Sortment next week; when hope to Dispatch one of them to your Hon^r^. &c^a^. w^th^. a full Lading.

Since our last there has past this Place a sloop, and a Pair belonging to y^e^. Dutch bound to Negapatam, w^ch^. being y^e^. needfull att present, Crave Leave to Subscribe

FORT S^T^. DAVID — HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

AUGUST 17^TH^. 1712. — Your most Obed^t^. hum^ble^. Servants

RI: FARMER.
JN^O^. BERLU.
RI: HARRISON.
PP: BAKER.
MATH: WELD.
THO^S^. WOODARD.

No. 146

TO THE HON^BLE^. EDWARD HARRISON ESQ^R^.
PRESID^T^. & GOVERN^R^. OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE &C^A^. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

The 19^th^. Ult^o^. I rec^d^. your Hon^r^. &c^a^. of y^e^. 27^th^. June.

Had our Merchants perceived any Profitt to Accrue by Ord^y^. L. Cloth &c^a^. I do really think by the number of weavers y^t^. have gone away from us as they came several of w^ch^. have offer'd before me to give good security to bring in from 50 to 100 Corge every month of ord^y^. L. Cloth w^ch^. is w^t^. they generally make about Ingeram, they would have provided to the am^o^. of twenty four Thous^d^. Pag^ds^. if not more but our Merchants take such Care to be no Losers by the Comp^a^. that they forget to look back on their agreements & when they are put in mind of them a Contract has so little force y^t^. y^e^. most pressing Arguments upon it are to no purpose, as I dayly am to [*sic*] Sensible of.

Musters of both sorts of Percullas w^th^. their Prices are sent to Vizagapatam to be Approved of the weaver has not yet finished those of Izzerees one of w^ch^. of 5 Pa^s^. ℔ p^s^. is making. Our Merchants have agreed to provide 2000 Pag^s^. in fine [...] at 26 Pag^s^. ℔ Corge by Madrass musters but y^e^. price of fine [...] is still in dispute.

Our Brampore People have upon y^e^. rec^t^. of y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. been w^th^. us & Confirmed their Promiss to make 4000 by 9^ber^. next, at 9 ℔ Corge, it was impossible to gett any abatements at this time when Cotton is so dear.

P^s^. P.

The musters of Chey Goods are done, they appear to me to be better Goods then those wee had in my time in Metchlp. for wee never could gett any that would Come up to the old musters (Ramalls excepted) w^ch. obliged us to put 'em to low Numbers, these Musters will be sent your Hon^r. &c^a. by the first Sea Conveyance being to bulky to be sent by Tappys, & the Weavers do not Care to have 'em tore being all half peices, in the mean time they desire to have them washed, they are of such sorts, as used to make them for our Comp^a. 30 years agoe in Pettipollee [...] Sacerguntees, Colloway Poos, Sardacuncheers, Goaconcherals, [...] Poos, Chenage Poos, Allejars, Pattamarck Poos, Ramells Sacer [guntees] & Bengall sort, our Merchants asks for 'em the same Price, as they are now sold in Metch. I told 'em they may be afforded [lower] being they live in a plentifull Country where rice is not [...] & where the Chey Root growes of itself.

There has been all along a Freindly Correspondence between [Habbid] Cawn & Riaperow till lately that the former demanded w^t. [...] Timerow had left for y^e. King upon w^ch. our Ingeram Roger [w^th. ...] himself, family & Forces, to Peddaporum Fort w^ch. is 2 dayes journey to the west, where they have gathered together Considerable Force besides 7000 men w^ch. they allwayes kept in Pay & Priviledges, hereupon I began to Consider that the Comp^a. Concerns was to secure as they might be upon one of their Islands on y^e. [...] the great river, accordingly wrote to both the Rogaws [not] mentioning any Place, hopeing they would Order this, [where] wee now live, the Rogers Originall Letters in answer to mine Comeing hither, I have thought fitt to send y^r. Hon^r. &c^a. w^th. the Translates, wee Arrived the 30^th. ult^o. w^th. [best part] of y^e. Comp^a. Concerns & were rec^d. kindly by the [...] Man of y^e. Island & Houses provided for Us according to an order he rec^d. that morning, this Island lyes S^o. east of Ingeram ab^t. 4 Leagues being ab^t. 10 miles round, from this Town to y^e. South'nd of y^e. Island is a plain of high Ground ab^t. 2½ miles in length and one in breadth, there is still 3 Islands betwixt Us and the Sea on this s^o. side & this is the Place where all y^e. Country vessels lye up that belong to this river.

I did not think proper to meddle w^th. the new Ground the Rojaw gave us, as he sent the Timbers in so lay still untouched, I give over the thoughts of Building, and he of sending any more materials in, but rather Chused to build a house in our Compound in Ingerom, the Charge of such houses is hardly worth mentioning to your hon^r. &c^a. for that house is reckoned a very good One in these parts where wood is for Cutting down that Costs 7 or 8 Pagodas & this I built put all together did not cost 6 Pa^s. & afforded Accom[o]dations sufficient, after this the Rojaw gave us also Possession of another Spot of Ground adjoyning where there is a Tank & a small Village & a writing to our Washermen for Usual Priveledges, & they were ready (as ℔ orders) 10 dayes agoe to begin to wash, but seeing Troubles Comeing on, did not think it proper but rather to send it brown for this Cloth by all report will show 10 if not 15 ℔ Cent better washed than browne, & there is y^e. best Conveniences for it at Ingeram a great Tank fine Soyle water &c^a.

I have already Advised M^r. Hastings &c^a. Councill that our Bales will be ready by the 1^st. of 7^ber. & if they think fitting may have em sent to Vizagapatam, Narrapelle lyes on y^e. S^o. west Side of this Island and Chumbulo has promised to send a vessell hither to carry them, or any thing else wee want I take Care to putt the Company to noe more Charge w^th. Servants or other expences I should do were I in Vizagapatam nor do I find any [occasion] in these parts to require it, & as for sorting it shall not [be] p ossible for any One to endeavour more to give Satisfaction then

GUTTEN DUE

HON^BLE. S^R. &C^A.

AUG^T. 7^TH. 1712.

Your most Obedient Servant
THO. FAUCETT.

P.S.

Advice is just Come of Habbid Cawnes Arrival at Paddaporam of his Tasshereefing Riapeross Messenger was sent out w^th. 2000 Men to meet him, he got there Several dayes before expected by swift Marches as tis thought y^t. he may got

to Rogernadiad where his mony lyes Lodged, before a Change of Goverñment Killis Cawn, Son of Gousdy Cawn decd. by all advises in Subba of Gullcandaw, & his horse advances towards these Parts.

T. FF.

No. 147

To THE HONBLE. EDWARD HARRISON ESQR.
PRESIDT. & GOVR. OF FORT ST. [GEORGE] &CA. COUNCILL.

HONBLE. SR. &CA.

This Comes by the Madapallam Yatch whereon have Laden 180 Bales amounting to Pags. 4777 as ℔ bill of Lading and Invoice wch. Comes herewith the remainder of this Contract is 264 Bales wch. we Constantly press the Merchants to bring in wth. all ys. hast that is possible, they assure Us they will use their Utmost endeavours to Compleat their Contract so as to be ready for ye. Sepr. Ship if ye. rains does not impede them.

The 18th. inst. wee recd. your Honr. &ca. of ye. 15th. wch. shall be speedily Answered pursuant to yr. Honr. &ca. Orders therein, we now Send [Sergt. Fox] a Prisoner on her, with a Guard of a Corporall & Six Souldiers by the same Conveyance wee presume to send Corporall Starkey for Committing the like Fact, hopeing your Honr. &ca. will approve therof, since one Guard will serve for both; Wee are wth. Due respects

FORT ST. DAVID — HONBLE. SR. &CA.

AUGST. THE 20TH. 1712. — Your most Obedt. humble. Servts.

RICHD. FARMER.
JNO. BERLU.
RICH: HARRISON.
PP: BAKER.
THOMS. WOODARD.

No. 148

To THE HONBLE. EDWARD HARRISON ESQR.
PRESIDT. & GOVERNR. OF FORT ST. GEORGE &CA. COUNCILL.

HONBLE. SR. &CA.

Our last to yr. Honr. &ca. was on ye. 20th. instant by the Madapollam yatch on whom wee Laded 80 Bales as ℔ accompanying Invoice & bill of Lading sent by said Vessell.

Mr. Baker has perused the Paragraph relating to Mr. Harrisons not being Able to bring in the Paymasters Acct. for Aprill before the middle of June to wch. Mr. Baker makes Answer yt. twas Occasioned by ye. Multiplicity of Business & ye. adjusting of Servants Accts. yt. were then depending on his leaving this Place, but for ye. future he promises to Comply wth. your Honr. &ca. Orders of passing his Accts. by ye. 15th. of ye. month at furthest and if there be any impediment that prevents his doing so he says he will make it Appear in Consultation.

Pursuant to your Honr. &ca. Directions in your Generall of ye. 15h. inst. wee have endeavoured to procure mony by Bills on Yr. Honr. &ca. but cant effect it, for wch. our merchants here make very heavy Complaints ye. Company being indebted to them for Goods measured & Embaled [near] 19000 Pags. besides wt. Sorted

today, if Govr. Raworth Setts out Speedily for this place, twill be a good Oppertunity to bring mony wth. him for the Merchants as well as to defray ye. expence of ye. Garrison, Otherwise if your Honr. &ca. Approves therof, wee b[e]leive mony may be Conveyed hither very safe Overland under ye. Charge of some trusty Peons, [which] (if wee have notice thereof) may be mett wth. att Conimere by a Sufficient Guard to Conduct them to this Place.

When wee sent Fox & Starkey on ye. Madapollam Yatch, wee gave out they were Ordered to Fort St. George where they would be sure to receive a Punishment due for their heinous Crimes which wee hope will be sufficient att present to pacifie our Inhabitants and keep them from deserting our bounds, wee shall not be wanting in our Utmost endeavours to prevent such like Accidents for ye. future too many such disasters having already [happened] which wee are heartily Sorry for.

If ye. Merchants perform their Promise they Assure Us that all ye. Goods due on this Investment shall be brought in by ye. last of this month, we have sorted 24 bales to day and shall Sort again On Monday when hope shall dispatch Ship Ramah wth. as many Bales as she can take in, after wch. there will remain upwards of 200 Bales, wch. wee shall Constantly press the Merchants and Washers to get ready wth. all possible Expedition, Since our last is Arrived Sloop Ramah and to day past by a Dutch Sloop from Sadrasspatam wth. Bales for Negapatam wch. being ye. Needful att present Crave Leave to subscribe

Fort St. David — Honble. Sr. &ca.

August 23d. 1712. — Your most Obedt. humble. Servts.

Rich: Farmer.
Jno. Berlu.
Rich: Harrison.
Matt: Weld.
Thos. Woodard.

No. 149

To The Honble. Edward Harrison Esqr.
Presidt. & Governr. of Fort St. George &ca. Councill.

Honble. Sr. &ca.

Our last to your Honr. &ca. was on ye. 23d. inst. when remitted a full Acct. of wt. Bales then due from Our Merchants on ye. present investment since wch. wee have now Laden forty Bales on Sloop Ramah amounting too Pagds. 2414. 35. 1 as ℔ invoice and bill of Lading enclosed, the remainder of Bales to be brought in on this Contract is 224 wch. wee shall expedite their embaling as fast as possible.

Since our last there has past by this road, a Ship of Mahmud Fylls, wch. came from Fort St. George & is bound to Porto Novo, Wee are

Fort St. David — Honble. Sr. &ca.

Augst. ye. 25th. 1712. — Your most Obed. humble. Servts.

Rich: Farmer.
Jno. Berlu.
Rich: Harrison.
Pp: Baker.
Matthew Weld.
Thos. Woodard.

No. 150

To the Hon^ble. Edward Harrison Esq^r.
Presid^t. and Govern^r. of Fort S^t. George &c^a. Councill.

Hon^ble. S^r. &c^a.

Yours dated y^e. 2^d. Aug^st. rec'd the 11^th. curr^t. in the evening the firewood Boats have bin Long Laded, Chippaleere being Stop'd, is now opened, & as I am informed are going over the Barr.

The 12^th. Curr^t. gave our Merchants Notice w^t. your Hon^r. writ the 15^th. all came to y^e. factory: gaine Answered as by Letter comes enclosed your Hon^r. not Advancing money, before hand, the [*sic*] humbly entreat you'll pay the new Companys Debts y^t. money lying out hath brought them much back, & lessened their Credits, y^t. paid will strengthen them & gaine Creditt, bee able to Comply w^t. your hon^r. being your Merch^ts. & Servants.

They all in Generall agree to bring Goods [to] the factory as formerly, when embailed to Order their mony [giving] time as y^e. Dutch doe for bringing y^e. Goods in, by reason of [bad] Government. Enclosed Comes a Copy of y^e. Kings Perwanna Confirming Abram Cawne Subbaw of Golcondah, Dutch Servants from Golcondoth Advise the Same.

Many of y^e. Weavers & Painters went to Ingeram part not having employ gave Notice. M^r. Faucett advise they came every day 60 & 70 Advised their was no Occasion to send, this Advice Comeing; the Brampore Painters did not proceed; Ingeram lyes about 12 miles out of y^e. direct roade to Vizagap^m. troublesome to pass those rivers, being Under Rangoraz, Seizing on y^e. Fisherman some run away now to pass y^m. was forced to waite, in these parts wee meet w^th. y^e. same Trouble at Ellarow; wee pay them; yett y^e. Gov^mt. act Contrary to their word, Ebram Cawns stands, theirs will end.

Upper Row humbly requests answer [.....] requesting to permitt some trade to pass in y^e. Island. The 12^th. Curr^t. writ to Rangoraz to give Leave to take down the old factorie or give his reasons why he Opposes it, writ to the Braminie to wait on him for answer, give mee Notice what Condition the factories are in the old house stands firm having large & strong Timber; firme foundation of brick work may stand for some years, y^e. outwalls being mud are fallen, all Open, free Passage for all.

The new Factorys Timber, very small not of strength to support y^t. Fabricke brick work bad, strong winds blow; it shakes roofe by y^t. means Open, raine water free passage: Godownes of brick Terrist Over; Toddy Timbers rotten Ferris are fallen; part of y^e. Brick walls fallen; as yett no answer from thence.

From y^e. time of y^e. Gusbadar Comeing here Constantly disputes sideing w^th. y^e. Governments to force it away Constantly wetch [*sic*] on y^e. factorie, after his return from Golcondoth brought Orders from Mahmud Jarr from y^e. Subbaw; when the present goes for Bengall to receive 2,000 Rup^s. Mahmud Jarr being much in Debt to his Armie, threaten this Towne to robb & burne, robbing all y^e. Countrie.

Mahmud Jarr writ three Letters, one to y^e. Dutch, one for all y^e Merchants of y^e. Towne & one to me Advising his Peoples designe on y^e. Towne not obeying him requested all Joyntly to keep and defend the Town for y^e. King your lives & Estates.

Dutch had two Ships in the road Ordered 50 men & 12 Gunns y^e. Ships to attend y^e. Fort, all persons summoned in, not one Person exempted, every Person to be at such expence, Ordered me to y^e. Point, I returned, Ordered two of our boates to be kept afloat, 21 boate People for y^e. Boates & Carry y^e. present of orders was Given, noe Goods nor Persons Admitted to pass y^e. Rivers.

The next day y^t. Armie arrived, demanded entrance, y^t. being deny'd threaten to burn sent for me againe, if I refused they would fine me to pay y^e. two Thousand rup^s. Its not in my Power to Coape w^th. Government, of the two evills. I sent People to y^e. Point recovered Our lost Guns.

Finding the Government devoided, half in Guddera & the Other in Towne, by y^e^. means I was in hopes to gett y^e^. Present Away if a Ship came, writ to his Hon^r^. Fazer when y^e^ Ship I acquainted y^e^. Cap^t^. w^t^. I would doe, desired him to stand by me, gave mee his word, then I made y^e^. Derre goe & Bankes all People my Freinds, to meet w^th^. no Trouble there, not acquainting Other People I gott itt off.

The prime of Aug^st^. called People from y^e^. Point & Cleer them, was great disputes greatest of y^e^. Troubles appearing laying great Contrabutions [*sic*] on y^e^. Towne; to pay the People, would not suffer them to be discharged, gaive mee Notice we'll force the Money.

All this time y^e^. Dutch kept 65 Souldiers 30 Peons extraordinary Factors and writers every night 6 on Dutye Towne 600 People in Pay, besides y^e^. heads of every house. It was never my intention to bring expences on y^e^. Hon^ble^. Employers had not I complyed to keep People greater expence would have been and y^e^. Present not gott off, w^t^. I did was to gett that of being of great Value, lying under such Circumstances; such Concerns are not procurable presently.

Metchlepatam Factorie is well, only wants Chinaming Godownes are Troubled with white Ants, noe trusting goods in them till Cleared of y^t^. vermin. Sailes are much Decayed, Timbers being rotten in y^e^. brick work Planks y^e^. same, being supported by other Timbers stand at present, send your Hon^r^. an abstract of last years Acc^ts^. when y^e^. Madapollam Answers Come, forward them; I humbly Crave Leave

METCHLEPATAM — HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

17^TH^. AUG^ST^. 1712. — Your most Obed^t^. hum^ble^. Serv^t^.
PHILIP NODEN.

No. 151.

TO THE HON^BLE^. EDWARD HARRISON ESQ^R^.
PRESID^T^. AND GOVERNOUR. OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE &C^A^. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

Last Night we were favoured w^th^. yours of the 26^th^. Ult^o^. by Tappy Peons who make slow Performance for w^ch^. wee can find no remedy, bad roads Occasioned by rains & Disappointm^ts^. in river Boats w^ch^. are taken away as Quarrells happens between y^e^. Moores and Rajahs being the cause.

Wee have no knews [*sic*] of y^e^. Derby since her Departure but from Travelling people, that she was at Ganjam, and wee must impute the want of M^r^. Simmonds Letters to some extraordinary Accident, he promised to keep a punctual Correspondence w^th^. the Comp^s^. Cheif at Ballasore & wee Doubt not used the same diligence in advising thither of y^e^. five Ships as to Vizagap^m^. and by Tappys Under the 15^th^. to Ballasore.

Wee gave Notice of y^e^. Derbys Arrivall here & y^e^. reason of our resolving then to detain her till further information about the Ships Aforesaid.

Wee dont apprehend any disappointment in our Bales from hence, but y^e^. rains are so sett in, that wee cant possibly have any Considerable Quantity washed in time, and in your affair there is a misfortune at Ingerom where M^r^. Faucett had agreed w^th^. a great Num^r^. of Washermen, but the Nabobs threatning to fall upon that Rajahs Country put all things in Confusion and M^r^. Faucett is removed w^th^. all his effects to Gutten Due for Security till y^e^. Troubles are over.

Wee observe w^t^. you write about the Barrinton or Jane & as we find Bales are ready shall Order a ship to Call for them, Packing Stuff is much wanted at Ingerom w^ch^. may be must supplyed by Boat or Vessell [for y^t^.] Place w^ch^. wee thought M^r^. Faucett had long since wrote for, [We] cant send from hence by Land at less then 150 ℔ C^t^. more [than] prime Cost besides abundance of Trouble and Damage by dirtyroads.

Our Merchants have Agreed for y^e^. 500 p^s^. of Izzarees According to Muster at 32 Pag^s^. ℔ Corge & rec^d^. the mony but wee beleive by y^e^. Cheapness they are deceived in the Quality of y^e^. Cloth, & when their Partners Answer Comes from Ingerom we shall be obliged to alter the Contract.

Wee have receid^d^. musters of Percollas and shall Order the Quantity.

We cant bring them to accept less then 64 Pag^s^. ℔ Corge for y^e^. fine Long Cloth.

Wee Congratulate the safe Arrival of Ships Malborough and Kent and also Ships Mary and Recovery w^ch^. wee are just now advised off by Country Ship bound to Ganjam.

The bad Packidge Complained off belongs to those Bales sent Jan^ry^. $170\frac{9}{10}$ by y^e^. Rising Sun, when wee were beseidgd and could not provide no better, and y^e^. Stuff was remains on Our Warehouse, w^ch^. is Charged as it is brought in on y^e^. Comp^as^. Acc^t^. and the same as if it was new & Good according to y^e^. entrys of each ℔ticular in our Books w^ch^. alltogether Amounts to 2 P^s^. ℔ Bale.

Tis impossible to contract for any Quan^y^. of Grain but to receive after Xmass, and as y^e^. price shall then be Cutt.

Wee send Paymasters Acc^ts^. w^th^. Diarys & Consultations to y^e^. last of Aprill, and most respectfull subscribe

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &c^A^.

Your most Obed^t^. Servants
FRAN[CIS HASTINGS].
RO[B^T^. CRANWELL.]

VIZAGAP̃.
AUGUST 9^TH^. 1712.

No. 150.

TO THE HON^BLE^. EDWARD HARRISON ESQ^R^.
PRESID^T^. & GOVERNOUR OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE &c^A^. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &c^A^.

Wee dispatcht Sloop Ramma to y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. y^e^. 25^th^. ins^t^. sending thereon a Gen'll Letter & 40 Bales w^ch^. hope is Arrived w^th^. your Hon^r^. &c^a^. in Safety.

Wee have had Cloudy rainy weather here for three dayes together, w^ch^. has hindred our sorting, & y^e^. washers from Congying our Cloth, but the first fair weather wee have, wee hope to make up a Quantity of Bales towards Lading y^e^. Mary Pacquett..

M^r^. Pontanell departed this Life y^e^. 26^th^. in y^e^. Evening, having y^e^. morning before desired M^r^. Farmer to take Care of w^t^. effects hee had in this Place w^ch^. are secured but as it is well known y^t^. he is indebted to severall M^r^. Farmer requests your Hon^r^. &c^a^. Orders w^t^. to do w^th^. said Concerns.

Since our last there has past by this road a Galliot from Trincombarr bound to y^e^. N^o^. w^d^. & a Dutch Sloop bound to Negapatam, wee are w^th^. due respects

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &c^A^.

Your most Obed^t^. hum^ble^. Serv^ts^.

RICH: FARMER.
JN^O^. BERLU.
RICH: HARRISON.
PP: BAKER.
MATTH: WELD.
THO^S^. WOODARD.

FORT S^T^. DAVID
AUG^ST^. 29^TH^. 1712.

No. 153.

To the Honble. Edward Harrison Esqr.
President & Governour of Fort Sr. George &ca. Council.

Honble. Sr. &ca.

This serves to Accompany Duplicate of wt. wrote your Honr. &ca. ye. 28th. last month, since wch. the Duan and the Princes Party came to an engagement, in wch. the Duan gott the better and killed Resheed Cawne, who was the Gen'll of Furrucks army likewise Tymobege was taken Prisoner by ye. subah at Rajahmaull. The Duan after having defeated Furruckseers forces sent 500 horse down to hughly to Assist Wooleybeege, against Zoudy Cawn who yesterday came to a battle, wherin Wooleybeeg was slightly wounded, & his Forces routed, wee are informed that this day, they are to have another encounter, wee have the flying news yt. Furruckseer is sending 12,000 horse more against the Duan, who if does not succeed must be obliged to Come himselfe he being in great want of money to pay his Souldiers wages, being indebted to his Army two months pay, & they refused to stir till they have that paid them & another month before hand Mr. Vanhorne ye. Dutch Cheife at Pattna is Dead and before his Corps could well be put into ye. Budgrow to be sent to Chuprah to be interred. Furruckseer sent Hossein Ally Cawn Nabob of Patna wth. Forces to seize every thing in their Factory at Pattna as likewise to Singia, and Futtua ye. Kings People having prized wt. Goods they found in their Pattna factory, it amounted to 19000 rupees and found 12000 in Cash, as for wt. there is in ye. other Factorys as yett wee dont hear, this misfortune has been Occassioned by One Durgamull a Notorious Villain, who was formerly Our vaqueel at Patna, and sometime ago turned out for his roguery, he informed the Pattna King that Mr. Vanhorne had seven lack of rupees in his Factory and that he had no heir, & that it was Customary to ye. Dutch Directors at Hugly to seize on dead mens effects for his Own Use, and that it was [left] for his Majesty to seize them, since he is in such great [want] wee have an acct. that his monthly Charges, wth. souldiers Pay amounts to 30 Lack of rupees, as yett our Factory is free from these misfortunes but may dayly be expected to be in ye. same Condition, since [ye.] Prince is put so hard to his shifts, so that you may see that there is a very little Prospect of affairs mending here soon, and God Know how wee shall be able to gett Goods for this years Shipping and should your Honr. &ca. disappoints Us, of ye. 400 Bales, wee cant possitively say, we shall be able to send One Ship away as affairs seem at present, besides those Bales, yor. Settlemt. is indebted to Us 401 Bales sent by ye. Bouverie, wch. Doubtless was a great help to your Tonnage, & could you in ye. like manner be so Assisting to us this season, wee shall then be able without Doubt to dispatch two shipps. Wee are

Honble. Sr. &ca.

Your most humble Servants

Fort William

July ye. 15th. 1712.

Jno. Russell.
Robt. Hedges.
A. Loyd.
Sam: Feake.
Jeames Williamson.
Jno. Deane.
Edwd. Page.

No. 154

To the Hon^ble. Edward Harrison Esq^r.
Presid^t. & Governour of Fort S^t. George &c^a. Councill.

Hon^ble. S^r. &c^a.

Last Night after 10 a Clock came this Bengall Pacquett, wee hope to dispatch y^e. Barrinton w^th. our Bales in 10 dayes at furthest & before that time the Jane for those at Ingerom, wee are w^th. y^e. Greatest respect.

Vizagapatam
Aug^st. y^e. 20^th. 1712.
6 y^e. morning

Hon^ble. S^r. &c^a.
Your most Obedient hum^ble. Servants
Fra: Hastings
Rob^t. Cranwell.

P.S.

Wee desire your Hon^r. &c^a. will send us Paper, Quills, Ink Powder & Sealing [&c^t.] all w^ch. wee are in a manner[...]te.
F. H:
R. C.

No. 155

To the Hon^ble. Edward Harrison Esq^r.
Presid^t. & Govern^r. of Fort S^t. George &c^a. Councill

Hon^ble. S^r. &c^a.

My last Letter was y^e. 7^th. ins^t. giving the reason of my Comeing to live here w^ch. is not only for y^e. security of y^e. Companys Concerns, but alsoe for y^e. Conveniency of sending of their Bales.

The 11^th. ins^t. our Rogers Deputy of Ingerom sent a Messenger to inform me, that Habbid Cawn & Riaperow were agreed and all demands satisfied & parted in a most freindly manner, & that the Nabob was going to Rogemundrum where he stayed but three dayes & returned to Riaperow w^th. fresh Demands not thought of before, Amounting to a Considerable Summ of mony, w^ch. wee hourly fear will Occasion a Quarrell.

Our Rojaw talks as much care for us here as possible strictly enjoyning all Boat Men to bring no Moor Men or Straingers upon this Island, & wrote me last Night that he is much afraid the Nabob will send for me, as he does design for the Dutch Cheife of Dasheroon to Corango where he says he will goe to see the sea in a few dayes or two, & advises to Avoid resisting him (as they doe) also from Vizagapatam) by pretending some Business att Madapollam for 10 dayes in w^ch. time all (as he sayes) will be Over, I am now att a stand not knowing w^t. to doe for y^e. best w^ch. I think will be to take our Rojaws Advise, & goe to Madapollam, when I have by the spy's sent out Certain Advises of his setting out from Peddoporam (who has y^e. Character amongest the Rogers and all People of y^e. worse of Nabobs) to y^e. said Place.

Narropelle Chumbulo has let us have a Godowne in his Banksall where Our Bales are put & a Vessell from Vizagapatam is expect to touch here the latter end of this month to Carry 'em directly to Madrass.

A Muster of Izzarees of 5 Pa^s. ℔ps. is sent to Vizagapatam & one of 10 Pag^s. ℔ ps. is making, the weavers say they can make em of 15 Pa^s. ℔ps. but Such are very

Troublesome & hard to be done, those of ten they can engage to make w^t^. is wanted, the Threads of w^ch^. shall plainly Appear (by Glass) to be as fine again as those of 5 Pag^s^.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

Your most Obed^t^. Serv^t^.
THOM^S^. FAUCETT.

GUTTEN DUE
AUG^ST^. 17^TH^. 1712.
REC^D^. Y^E^. 2^D^. SEP^R^.

P.S.

Narrapelle Chumbulu promised me a vessell for I would have sent away if but 5 bales at a time to Vizagapatam, but as yet there is noe Vessell gone out of y^e^. river to the N^o^. w^d^. most of em will be ready in & or 10 dayes time, upon y^e^. first I'll send, away the Compan^as^. Bales to Vizagapatam.

T. FF.

N^o^. 156

TO THE HON^BYE^. EDWARD HARRISON ESQ^R^
PRESID^T^. & GOVERNOUR OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE &C^A^. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

The 22^d^. curr^t^. rec^d^. answer from Rangraz & Bramine at Madapollam, Rangoraz, Letter comes enclosed for your Hon^r^. &c^a^. Perusall, having a great respect for y^e^. Hon^ble^. Company, as his former relations; nothing shall be wanting in him to give due respects to your Hon^rs^. Orders, you Hon^rs^. Pleasure to repair, or open w^t^. house you please.

Braminie writes new factorie is much out of repair; being at first not well built, Timbers small & brickwork as bad; w^n^: any strong winds happen the house shake much; by y^t^. y^e^. roofe is Opened, w^t^. water falls having a free Passage all over; some part of y^e^. brick wall fallen, godownes Terrist Over; now rotten Timbers being Toddy Trees to repair house & Godownes will require 250 Pag^s^.

The old factorie stands firm, Timbers large and strong, brick work for our stores being a mean support some of y^e^. Gallorie timbers being sunk, sorting place tyles not being turned water hath free Passage, part of y^e^. roofe Timbers are decayed, Godownes stands, Outwalls are fallen, w^ch^. gives free Passage to all, to repair will require 150 Pag^s^. as y^e^. Bramine writes; y^e^. old Factories Ground very large extent half y^e^. Town belonging to it, given by the King.

Rangoraz has given Leave for your Hon^r^. Orders to be obeyed; w^t^. order you please to give may be Compleated, both houses; or one requesting to repair the Other, It will be Chargeable to take either down, Timber will turn to a very small acc^t^.

Graine Merchants have large Quantitys of old rice intending it for y^e^. Fort, as yett noe leave w^t^. vessell are taken up for y^t^. all agreements run for Madrass.

The wood boates twice were passing the Barr, w^n^. on the barr winds came about forced to returne Owners of y^e^. boates forced y^m^. 5 dayes to goe to Chippalerre to gett them over, as yett not returned, in all about 20 boates Laded, having bin at great Charges, I humbly Crave Leave.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

Your most Obed^t^. Serv^t^.

PHILIP NODEN.

METCHLEPATAM
AUGUST Y^E^. 22^D^.
RECEIVED SEP^K^. 2^D^. 1712.

No. 157

To the Honble. Edward Harrison esqr.
Presidt. & Govern^r. of Fort St. George &c^a. Councill.

Honble: Sr. &c^a.

On the 29th. past month wee advised your Honr. &c. of ye. thick, Close, rainy weather, wee had here, wch. has Continued almost to this very day, the Washers Congying the Cloth has been necessitated through ye. dampness of ye. Ground to Congy over again severall hundreds of Peices of Cloth wch. ye. Merchants Complain of as being a great Loss to them the first Oppertunity wee had to sort was yesterday when wee made up 29 bales, the weather now seems fair and hope shall have a slatch to Compleat a Lading for the Mary Packett, when shall dispatch [her to yr.] Honr. &ca. with ye. Utmost Expedition.

Pennee River has overflowed its banks for severall dayes makeing its Course along ye. Ditch of Tevenapatam by wch. Conveyance as is Conjectured Came a Tyger into ye. Towne of Tevenapatam where it sheltred in the thickest part of ye. Hedge between a Ditch and a Garden belonging to ye. Dutch Chiefe, on Saturday last it was killed in sd. Hedge without doing harm to any tis a she one of ye. largest size, being nine foot long and 4 high.

No Shipps or vessells has past this place since our last, wch. is wt. offers att present from

Honble. Sr. &ca.

Your most Obedt. humble. Servants
Rich: Farmer.
Jno. Berlu.
Rich: Harrison,
Pp: Baker.
Matthew Weld.
Thos. Woodard.

Fort St. David
Sepr. the 2d.
Recd. the 5th 1712.

No. 158

To the Honble. Edward Harrison Esqr.
Presidt. & Governour of Fort St. George &ca. Councill.

Honble. Sr. &ca.

This morning I recd. a Letter from this Rogers Deputy of Ingerom wch. brought ye. welcome news of a full agreemt. betwixt Habbid Cawne & Riaperose who is to pay 30 thousd. Pags. att Rogemundrum as he writes me.

By Advises from Vizagapatam I expect ship Jane or Barrinton to call here for Bales wch. are yet so few that I am ashamed to mention the number being but 30 of ordy. L: Cloth & one of Sallampores Ordy. yet our merchants do promise for the 7ber. Ship near 100 Bales tho att present not Cloth to make Up one Bale more, they tell me they expect it now Quickly in that Habbid Cawnes forces had struck such a fear Amongest the Weavers on ye. no. side ye. great river where they make [. . .] Goods (& on this side fine) that they durst not let a peice go out of the houses. The numbers of Bales of fine Goods is Uncertain because wee have not been able to bring our Merchants to a full agreemt. (fine Sallampores excepted) thô they are come'd so nigh yet do seemingly resolve not to take a fanam less then Sixty Pags. ℔ Corge for fine L: Cloth, fine Booke Percullas Nineteen and a half, and those Percullas of 15 Covds. eighteen Pa. ℔ Corge to be sorted by ye. Metchlepatam musters wch. when they saw they wondered, not expecting them near so fine the Abatemts. that wee still insisted upon were mere trifling Sums, yet argumts. abt. Loss of time &ca. proved in vain, I daily expect to hear all is adjusted in Vizagapatam, I sent to our Brampore People who promise to send in a little Chints for two or three Bales to be ready for the first Ship.

As [for]me I declare that I have daily used from our first Comeing into these parts all y^e^. kind incouraging & pressing expressions, that I could of to Narso our Merch^t^. who has y^e^. Cheife managem^t^. of our affairs letting him know the advantages he would reap how much it would redound to his Credite if he performed that part of our Contract made in Vizagapatam w^ch^. he was obliged to doe, let y^e^. price of Cotton be how it would, & hitherto finding by his poor Performances noe impression made upon him I have been as severe w^th^. him, even to exceed all y^e^. bounds of Moderation, I shall endeav^r^. to discharge my Duty in sorting and Embailing the Goods as fast as he brings 'em in & what he does not in time, I have frequently told him he would be made answerable for, w^th^. the Consequence therof.

Wee are now giving out our Dirty Cloth (of w^ch^. they bring in not a little) to be washed & is the first day our washerman would undertake y^e^. Business, for the Nabobs of y^e^. Nabobs [*sic*] going to Corango to take his Pleasure Upon the water Occasioned such a fear amongst the Inhabitants of Ingerom that all y^e^. rich People upon y^e^. whole Island came into these Parts for shelter & y^e^. Deputy Govern^r^. himselfe would have got away if there had been a Boat when the Day came, the Nabob altred his mind & [center'd att Peddaporud] this Roger having Ordered 3000 men to Cover the west Part of Ingerom Island round w^ch^. they must have sayled to have fallen into y^e^. Greatest riv'r before they could have come into these parts & y^e^. Roger [. . .] man had positive Orders as soon as ever he heard that [. . .] Peddaporudd or elsewhere, began to Committ any hostilitys to set Dasherown on fire, but now all is happily ended.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

GUTTEN DUE
AUG^ST^. 24^TH^. 1712.
RECEIV^D^. SEP^R^. 8^TH^.

Your Obed^t^. Servant
THOMAS FAUCETT.

No. 159

TO THE HON^BLE^. EDWARD HARRISON ESQ^R^.
PRESID^T^. & GOVERN^R^. OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE &C^A^. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

Yours of y^e^. 5^th^. Aprill & 5^th^. June wee rec^d^. y^e^. 5^th^. & 20^th^. past via Surratt & give you Thanks for your Advices w^ch^. wee shall Continue to doe, when any thing material offers on this side.

The Warr w^th^. Rajah Serop Sing Killedar of Chingy being as you write Us prejudiciall to y^r^. Investm^ts^. &c^a^. wee are Glad to hear you have Concluded a Treaty of Peace.

Wee are in hopes the New George is safe being informed by Cap^t^. Stoakes & Dingley that whilest they lye at Rio Janeiro a small Portugueze Vessell came there from Bayee by whom they was Acquainted that ab^t^. y^e^. time of their Comeing away an English Ship near the Burthen of y^e^. Montague that had missed S^t^. Helena was arrived there.

By Advices from y^e^. Councill att Surat of y^e^. 28^th^. July wee are informed that King Jehandar Shaw is dead that the Dutch had got a Grant for their Phirmaund tho they have no Certainty whether they had past y^e^. Seals or w^t^. articles was allowed them except One for their paying 2½ ℔ Cent Custome, & another for having Etbat Caunes house for a factory but if y^e^. news of y^e^. Kings Death is true it may be another Disappointment to y^e^. Dutch. & we are afraid to our Masters if y^e^. present went forward as it was designed.

The ships on your side dispatcht to Europe wee wish a Prosperous Voyage and safe arrivall to our Hon^ble^. Masters.

The Tinn you mention that came out on y^e^. Thistleworth wee observe you have sent to Bengall, the Heathcote was to have taken it on board if she could have got to Spithead e're s^d^. ship sailed.

Wee are sorry to hear the Jane should be surrend'red up to y^e^. French in so base a manner as you write us, we shall not faile to represent to our Hon^ble^. Mast^rs^. y^e^. unwarrant^ble^. proceed^s^. of y^e^. Comm^ds^. in their Voyage from Europe hither.

You have no Doubt heard of the Troubles in Spahaun Occasioned by the Brokers, wee apprehend it is not yet Ended, for that our two Cruizer sent from hence y^e^. 23^d^. of March last are not yet Returned tho they had orders to dispatch [y^m^.] so early as to arrive us before the rains. Wee are

BOMBAY CASTLE
THE 18^TH^. AUGUST 1712

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

REC^D^. 9^TH^. SEPTEMI

Your very Loving Freinds & most humble Servants

WILL^M^. AISLABIE.
THO^S^. MOORE.
JN^O^. HILLAR.
DOUG^S^. BURNISTON.
JN^O^. COURTNEY.
STEP^N^. STRUTT.

No. 160

TO THE HON^BLE^. EDWARD HARRISON ESQ^R^.
PRESID^T^. & GOVERN^R^. OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE &C^A^. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

Yesterday morning ab^t^. 9 a Clock M^r^. Raworth arrived here and w^th^. him wee rec^d^. yours of y^e^. 4^th^. & twenty Thousand Pag^s^. w^ch^. shall be disposed of to our Merchants, except what wee shall reserve to defray the Expences of y^e^. Garrison and as soon as Possible, wee will answer the Letter abovementioned.

On the 5^th^. ins^t^. in the Evening Ensigne Kirkbred who had the Charge of Trepopalore Guard took w^th^. him John Lewis a Serjeant Elisha Waters, and Tho^s^. Eves Corporals, and two Topasses w^th^. whom under pretence of Going the rounds he Deserted and Carryed his Owne as well as their Armes w^th^. him, the first Place wee heard of him was in Trivadee where he stayed no longer than two hours and last night wee rec^d^. further Information of his being att [the] Town Called Wandahwash, where he was stopt by y^e^. Country Government, but on presenting 'em w^th^. Pag^s^. 5 & his Case of Pistolls they permitted him to pass free, this Town is not farr off Arcott, and directly in y^e^. way to it w^ch^. makes us suppose he may be designed thither, for w^ch^. reason M^r^. Raworth has writ a Letter to the Duan and enclosed it to Sunca Rama, Acquainting him that he deserted from one of y^e^. Hon^ble^. Presid^ts^. Garrisons desiring him therfore to stop his further Progress, and send him and his Associates either to Fort S^t^. George or this Place, w^ch^. wee hope will have the effect wee Desire and Procure their being returned, that the Severest Example may be inflicted on y^e^. Ensigne for his Villany after having rec^d^. so singular Marks of y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. favour nor [can he blame] that he had any Cause given him to betray y^e^. trust repos'd in him in y^e^. [way he has] done. This comes by Sloop Mary on w^ch^. wee have Loading 93 Bales of Sundry Sorts of Callicoes amounting to Pag^s^. 5133. 5 fan^s^. as ℔ invoice, and bill of Lading enclos'd w^ch^. wee wish safe to your Hon^r^. &c^a^. & shall be sure to forward the remains of our Contract as soon as Embaled, and Oppertunity presents to Transport it to you.

Yesterday in y^e^. Afternoon there past by a Ship, but at so great Distance that Our Cattamaran could not reach her, So wee are not able to informe Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. what she was.

Wee have nothing more to Trouble Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. with at present, then to assure you, wee shall Continue to endeavour to approve Ourselves.

FORT S^T^. DAVID

SEP^R^. THE 8^TH^. 1712
REC^D^. Y^E^. 10^TH^. D^o^.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &c^A^.

Your most Obed^t^. hum^ble^. Serv^ts^.

T. RAWORTH.
H: FARMER.
JN^o^. BERLU.
RICH: HARRISON
PP: BAKER.
MATT: WELD.
THO^S^. WOODARD.

No. 161

TO THE HON^BLE^. EDWARD HARRISON ESQ^R^.
PRESID^T^. & GOVERN^R^. OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE &c^A^. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &c^t^.

Wee advised your Hon^r^. &c^a^. on y^e^. 8^th^. ins^t^. of y^e^. safe Arrival of M^r^. Raworth here, w^th^. y^e^. twenty Thousand Pag^ds^. you sent by him since w^ch^. have been very busily employed in regulating y^e^. Military who for want of severe discipline, were fallen into some disorders, but wee hope now all things are rectified again, & that wee shall never have occasion to trouble Y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. about them any more, for on a Generall randevouz all things they call Greivances were removed & they seemed to show a very real and sincere abhorrence of y^e^. late Crime committed by ensigne Kirkbred, of whom or Associates wee have heard no more since his being at Wandahwash, but hope he is seized by y^e^. Duan, and if not as yet arrived, that he'll be shortly at Fort S^t^. George to receive the Punishment that in Justice ought to be executed upon him, to Deter others in his station from being Guilty of y^e^. like action.

Wee hope Sloop Mary is long before this Safe arrived w^th^. the 93 Bales, wee sent on her & y^r^. Hon^r^. may be assured y^t^. no endeavours shall be wanting expiration of this month, that y^e^ Dartmoth may not be detained longer then Ordinary for want of them & on Monday wee hope to send you Sloop Ramah with forty more, for y^e^. weather is now very fair and wee take Care that the Washers done [*sic*] loose a minute so y^t^. as they have now in their handsall y^e^. Cloth due from y^e^. Merchants, except between 20 or 40 Bales, wee dont Doubt but wee shall have a Load[ing] for the Mary soon after her return nor shall the merchants live [whiling at] their ease till they have intirely finisht y^e^. Business they should have compleated above six months agoe.

Wee are very sensible w^t^. hardships the Troubles [in] Bengall will bring y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. Under to prevent so heavy a Charge [lying] on our masters hands as two ships, & in Order to prevent it, wee have [been] for severall dayes pursuant to your orders perswading our Merchants to Contract for one Thousand Bales to be brought in time enough to be imbarkt in Jan^ry^. and at y^e^. same time M^r^. Raworth laid very fully before them what the difference was between Your Merchants Cloth and theirs & w^t^. y^e^. Hon^ble^. Comp^as^. & your Hon^r^. &c^a^. sentiments were upon it, acquainting 'em likewise, that if they undertook to provide the Quantity of Cloth before [mentioned] and it did not come up to Muster, it was your resolutions to have it put into a Godowne appointed for the purpose, and there to be valued, by y^e^. Deputy Govern^r^. & Councill, or any other Persons you shall nominate, for y^t^. you were determined no Ships should lye a dead Charge on your hands, for want of their due Compliance w^th^.

their Contract, whether this soured 'em, or no we cant tell or whether they did not Comprehend the purport w^{t}. wee said to them, but they at first showed a very little inclination to engage in the Business, and att last made such extravagant proposals, that were in effect an absolute refusall, for they dem[anded] first an advance of 6 ℔ C. then that they should pay no more Custome on y^{e}. old Contract then y^{e}. Merch^{ts}. of Fort S^{t}. George & that they should hereafter Continue on y^{e}. same footing & that wee should punctually pay em y^{e}. sum agreed to in y^{e}. Contract on y^{e}. measuring, and putting to wash their Cloth on w^{tm}. Conditions they engaged it should be as Good as yours, or they would forfeit w^{t}. Penalty Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. should think Convenient.

Wee told them twas an impossibility for us to Comply with their first Proposall, for that wee expected they should Consent to an abatement on y^{e}. old Prizes, & promised em to write to your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. again about y^{e}. abatement of their Customs w^{ch}. wee hoped youll be pleased to take into your Consideration and if you think Convenient to Grant em so much favour, we dont Doubt but hereafter you'll find the Good effects of it, by their Cloth being double y^{e}. amou't better, and as to their last proposal about their being punctually paid, wee have ventured to assure them we would never fail in that particular after this they Desired to Consider on w^{t}. we had said and promised to give Us an Answer on Monday next when wee resolve not to suffer them to Loiter away any more time, but Come to some Conclusion of w^{ch}. y^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. shall be forthwith advised.

Wee shall punctually observe w^{t}. your hon^{r}. &c^{a}. order about fine Goods, & take in no more then w^{t}. Contracted for, tho' y^{e}. Merch^{ts}. have got a Bale of Sale Cloth, Midling L: Cloth, & Oringall Betteelas above their Agreem^{t}. by 'em, w^{ch}. they are very pressing for Us to sort but wee have possitively refused 'em, till wee know Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. Pleasure on this Occasion, w^{ch}. wee desire you'll [advise of] by Your next, & our warehousekeep^{r}. shall follow y^{e}. method your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. prescribed & keep a foul Leidger of all Goods, they bring in, that wee may not be imposed upon, when wee are in a hurry on y^{e}. Dispatching a ship, and take a larger Quantity of those sorts, wee shall likewise take Care to observe w^{t}. you write relating to y^{e}. two first Letters of y^{e}. Sorters names being fixt on a Corner of y^{e}. Bale they make up, nor will our Warehousek^{r}. or any body else designedly put you to any more unnecessary Trouble, by asserting w^{t}. is wrong in fact, tho wee hope you'll be so kind as to put a favourable Construction on small Errors, since no man Living can att all times be free from them.

As soon as y^{e}. Contract of greater importance is finish't wee shall procure the Quantity of Cloth you order for y^{e}. West Coast w^{ch}. shant in any respect interfere wth. y^{e}. intended Investments.

Wee thank your hon^{r}. &c^{a}. for sending us down so good an officer as Cap^{t}. Roach, who acts as Command^{r}. in Cheife of y^{e}. Military Under our Directions, & wee dont Doubt he'll Continue to deserve You^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. future encouragement, Leiutenant Howson Arrived along wth. him who wee hope will behave himselfe so as to make an Atonem^{t}. for his former Faults.

Wee shall very speedily goe about procuring the Hon^{ble}. Company what Satisfaction wee possibly can for the expence they have been at on Acc^{tt}. of the renters and shall esteem ourselves very happy if we can get together a larger amount then what we formerly advised your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}.

Mess^{rs}. Farmer & Baker are taking an Acc^{tt}. of y^{e}. effects of M^{r}. Pontanell w^{ch}. when they have Compleated [it], shall be sent Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. for your further Directions.

Being very sensible w^{t}. the hazards are of sending money either by Land or Sea and knowing our Cash will shortly want to be replenisht, wee have rec^{d}. of Oman Nina Mercawn &c^{a}. Joint Stock Merchants five Thous^{d}. Pag^{s}. for w^{ch}. wee have given 'em a bill on Y^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. Payable at 5 dayes sight And request your punctual Compliance wth. it.

There arrived here about two months agoe, one Jn°. Swares, A person who formerly was an inhabitant of Cuddalore and [has] houses, and some necessary's still remaining there, but being Considerably indebted to One John Correro an inhabitant of Porto Novo, he immediately upon his news being here made his applications to y^e^. Justices of y^e^. Choultry, who upon examination found his Demands just, and imprisoned John Swares, & made Sale for w^t^. they could find of [his] for Satisfaction of his Creditor on w^ch^. some of his relations at Porto Novo, bribed the Phousdar of that Place to insinuate to the [Duan] that wee had interfer'd w^th^. y^e^. Justice and imprisoned one of his inhabitants, on w^ch^. he wrote a Letter to y^e^. Deputy Governour desiring he would enlarge him w^ch^. wee readily Consented to y^t^. being well satisfied y^t^. he had got w^t^. possible from his D^r^. & know very well y^t^. he would be less Capable of making him further Satisfaction in Prison then now he is at Liberty.

He yesterday rec^d^. another Letter from y^e^. Duan in fav^r^. of Golaum Shawduch Allee Cawn who is going to Mocho, desiring us to Notify y^e^. same to all Sea Ports between this Place and Surratt, that the Governour of all those places might assist him as much as possible & after he is gone from this Place to give him notice of it.

The receipt of this Letter Necessitates us to desire Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. will be pleased to send us a Good Mullah for ours we find so illetterate, that were it not for an Acc^dt^. wee might have been Lett into a further Error for he told us the purport of y^e^. abovementioned [Letter] was that the Person wee now find recommended to Us, had left the Camp, w^th^. out the Duans ℔mission & to let us know he would [esteem] it an acceptable peice of service, if wee could by any means prevent his embarking for Mocho, and secure his ℔son till further Advices [from] him.

Wee rec^d^. the wine &c . you was pleased to send Us by Sloop Rañah for w^ch^. wee return y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. thanks on the same day she Arrived, M^r^. Bakers Boat likewise imported, & yesterday past by a Dutch sloop bound for Negapatam.

Wee have nothing more to imp^t^. to your Hon^r^. &c^a^. at present more then to Assure you wee are

FORT S^T^. DAVID

SEP^R^. THE 13^TH^. 1712
REC^D^. Y^E^. 16^TH^. DITTO.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

Your most Obed^t^. Serva^ts^.
ROB^T^ : RAWORTH.
RICH^D^. FARMER.
JN°. BERLU.
RICH : HARRISON.
PP : BAKER.
MATT^W^. WELD.
THO^S^. WOODARD.

N°. 162

TO THE HON^BLE^. EDWARD HARRISON ESQ^R^.
PRESID^T^. & GOVERN^R^. OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE &C^A^. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE^. S^RS^. &C^A^.

By this Conveyance wee send your Hon^r^. &c^a^. twenty four Bales of Sun Sorts of Callicoes Amounting to as ℔ Invoice and bill of Lading enclosed Page

1286 wch. wee wish [safely Arrived wth.] you & in less than 24 hours wee shall write your Honr. [&cr. at] large. Wee have no other news to impart except the Arrivall of ye. Elizabeth Capt. Wathen from Fort St. George and are

Fort St. David — Honble. Sr. &ca

Sepr. the 15th. — Your most Obedt. humble. Servts.

Recd. ye. 17th. Do. 1712.

Robt. Raworth.
Rich: Farmer.
Jno. Berlu.
Richd. Harrison.
Pp: Baker.
Matt: Weld.
Thos. Woodard.

No. 163

To the Honble. Edward Harrison Esqr.
Presidt. & Governr. of Fort St. George &ca. Council.

Honble. Sr. &ca.

Yesterday in the evening wee dispatcht Sloop Ramah to your Honr. &ca. wth. 24 Bales, and pursuant to our Promise to you on ye. 18th. had another meeting wth. our Merchants, who were fallen into such distractions Amst. themselves that it was impossible to engage them Jointly to undertake an investmt. for wch. reason after having endeavoured wt. possible to reconcile their Differences in vain were forc't to reduce them into three setts, and give each of em a Third of ye. Contract they are divided as follows.

Shaddashavarrow, Vinkatty Puttee, Peddee Chittee, Comrapa Chitte, Pollipa Muddalaree, Durmaroy Chittee, & Modera Naigue Compose One.

Omar Nina Mollim, Veboga Chitte, Verago Chitte, Tricam Chittee, Mocumbee Chittee, & Kittee Vinkatty Puttee to'ther.

Kittee Narran, Eram Rauze, Milapa Chittee, Tonnapa Chittee, Mocumbee Chittee & Kitty Vincattee Puttee tog'ther.

The Quantitys & severall sorts of Goods to be provided by 'em is in a list enclosed wch. wee extracted from ye. Gen'll orders for Investmt. your Honr. &ca. sent Us in yours of ye. 10th. & wee have done it as proportionably as wee could.

We used our utmost endeavours to procure an Abatement but they proved ineffectuall, for they told us since your Honr. &ca. expected their Cloth should be so very good, it was impossible for em to [procure] you at under rates, and they further Added yt. if you dont think Convenient to put them on ye. Same footing wth. your merchants in respect to their Customes they shant be able to perform According to their agreemt. now so wee once more Desire your Honr. &ca. will be Pleased to take yt. into your Consideration, for they are [. . .] it and wee dont doubt as wee wrote you before if your Honr. &ca. think convenient to Grant their request you'll soon find ye. advantages of it in the [Goodness] of their Cloth.

If your Honr. &ca. Approve of ye. Contract they have engaged 'em selves in ye. Penalty 8000 Pags. each Set to Compleat all by ye. 10th. of J[anry.] and we know them to be so very inveterate against their old Partners that it is not to be doubted but they'll use their Utmost endeavours to Outvye one another in dispatch, & every thing else in hopes of being more Conspicuous they they [*sic*] & having a greater Share of your Honr. &cas favours.

Our Warehousekeeper tells Us that wee shall want in our Godowne Sundry Sorts of Goods as ℔ List enclosed w^ch^. wee request your Hon^r^. &c^a^. will be pleased to send us by the first Oppertunity that presents w^ch^. is all wee have to impart to your Hon^r^. &c^a^. att present more than to Subscribe.

FORT S^T^. DAVID
SEP^R^. THE 16^TH^. 1712.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.
Your most Obed^t^. hum^ble^. Serv^ts^.
ROB^T^. RAWORTH.
RICH: FARMER.
JN^O^. BERLU
RICH^D^. HARRISON.
PP: BAKER.
MATT^W^. WELD.
THO^S^. WOODARD.

N°. 164

TO THE HON^BLE^. EDWARD HARRISON ESQ^R^.
PRESID^T^. & GOVERN^R^. OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE &C^A^. COUNCIL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

My last Letter gave full Assurances of an argum^t^. between [Habid] Cawne & Riaperow, but it happened Upon parting (as y^e^. Story goes) the [Nabob] made some preparations w^ch^. were not liked by Riaperose who feared [he was] going to kill him & that his Uncle who Commanded all his forces wa [...] Contrivers wanting away to be made that he might be the head [Rajah] upon this suspicion Riaperose gave the word privately to y^e^. 2^d^. of [...] rashwar being ready Riaperose instantly marched into y^e^. Fort, [without] leave of y^e^. Nabob & after for 2 or 3 dayes fired the great Guns u[...] therupon the Nabob sent forces w^th^. orders to y^e^. Phousd^r^. of D [...] take Ingerom, w^ch^. was done 29^th^. ult^o^. w^th^ out any Opp[osition...] Riaperow only suspected his Uncle was not true to him, [...] & disgrac^d^. him & gave y^e^. Comm^d^. of all his forces to y^e^. In [...] as soon as y^e^. Moors had possession of Ingerom they slipp'd all y^e^. Boates they mett with and mann'd 'em out to take severall Places, at this time frequent Advice was sent me by y^e^. Ingerom Rojer to remove quickly from Gutten Due w^ch^. I did to an Island called Savere, y^e^. next day the Moors came to Gutten Due & stopt all y^e^. Vessells that were going out, the 2^d^. ins^t^. came fresh advices from y^e^. Ingerom Roger for me to go out to sea, to Anteravede, or else Madapollum y^t^. Habbid Cawn had sent out more People to bring me to him, from this Island Savere. I dispatched away a Vessell w^th^. y^e^. Companys Bales well secured from rain to ship Jane at Pondimareck & y^e^. 2^d^. ins^t^. left the Place, that night and y^e^. next day sayling as wee were Obliged by a hundred Islands before wee got to y^e^. Seaside being y^e^. only Passage left us to Come hither where wee arrived y^e^. 7^th^. Ins^t^. Our merchants had been here severall dayes before, and since my Comeing Rangerow has given his Dusticks, for passing some rivers, so y^t^. a good Quantity of Cloth is already Come in, & gives us hopes to have forty Bales here for ship Jane of ord^ry^. Sallampores ab^t^. 30 & y^e^. rest in fine L. Cloth, Sallampores & Percullas & as for our Cloth that lyes ab^t^. Ingerom, our Merch^ts^. are willing if it can be done to have it shipped of att Cuttapatam to be sorted in Madrass or to be sent to Tuny & from thence to Vizagapatam for till this Nabob is satisfied, tis in vain to pretend to do Business att Ingerom or for an Englishman to live there, he Contrives so many wayes to hinder our affairs especially whilest he lives in those parts, Ballo Kisnama our Merch^t^. has a great Quantity of Goods of his own w^ch^. as he sayes are lodged att Dasheroon, & cannot Come from thence w^th^. out Habbid Cawns Leave, if our Business had not been stopp'd he would make me beleive, that wee might have had 300 Bales for this Oct^r^. Shipping.

Our Merch^ts^. Peons are this day comed [*sic*] from Ingerom the Letters they bring from thence & Dasher[oone] give an Acc^t^. that Habbid Cawn is gone to Rogemundrum where he is making great Preparations for his sons wedding, that he went from

Peddaporam well satisfyed w^th^. Riaperow having ended all business w^th^. him & thereupon the Moores left Ingerom & other Places they had taken that neither our Merch^ts^. no any others had lost a p^s^. of Cloth, or the least thing taken from any the Moores.

Rangerose Vakeel at Gullcunday writes him that Daud Cawn was made Subbau of that Place & his Brother Ibrahim was to Act as Deputy Subbaw, & Meer Chyman Nabob of Metchlep^m^. Countrys & Habbid Cawn to remain in his Governm^t^. here, & y^e^. same comes Confirmed from Metchlep^m^. , but y^e^. Dutch Peons that are now Come from y^e^. Commissary's y^t^. y^e^ Kings Camp affirm that Killis Cawn was made Subba of this Kingdom upon their Leaving y^e^. Camp.

[MADDAPOL]LAM

SEP^R^. Y^E^. 10^TH^. 1712.

HON^BLE^. S^R^., &C^A^.

Your Obed^t^. hum^ble^. Servant
THO^S^. FAUCETT.

No. 165

TO THE HON^BLE^. EDWARD HARRISON ESQ^R^.
PRESID^T^. & GOVERN^R^. OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE &C^A^. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

The last time p^d^. our respects to your Hon^r^. &c^a^. was under the [...] June ℔ ship Dartmouth, y^e^. present is to Inclose Invoice & Bill of Lading for 100 Chests Shyrash wine shipt on board the Gombroone Merch^t^. amoun^ts^. to Sha^s^. 18300 for w^ch^. have drawn a bill on your Hon^r^. &c^a^. for [abasses] 4575 payable att sight unto M^r^. Alexander Orme w^ch^. Desire you'll Comply with, wee could gett noe fruit else should have sent the Quantity Ordered, Wee are

GOMBROONE
JULY Y^E^. 17^TH^. 1712
REC^D^. SEP^R^. Y^E^. 20^TH^.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.
Your most hum^ble^. Serv^ts^.
WILL^M^. ESTON.
ART: BEAVIS.
WARNER CUDDO [...].
AMBROSE BALDW[...].

No. 166

TO THE HON^BLE^. EDWARD HARRISON ESQ^R^.
PRESID^T^. AND GOVERN^R^. OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE &C^A^. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

Att 5 this afternoon Arrived ship Industry Cap^t^. Rigby from B[engal] who brings a Packett for you Hon^r^. &c^a^. w^ch^. comes by these Tappys, after taking refreshments to morrow the ship proceeds on her Voyage to Bengall.

With first fair wind the Barrinton sails for your Port and [on] her wee shall send w^t^. Bales are ready, the Jane is also upon Dispatch [for the] the Ingerom Bales wee most respectfully are

VIZAGAPATAM

AUG^ST^. 30^TH^. 1712
REC^D^. SEP^R^. 21^ST^.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.
Your most Obed^t^. Ser[vants]
FRAN^S^. HAS[TINGS].
ROB^T^. CRANW[ELL].

N° 1b7.

To the Hon^ble. Edward Harrisson Esq^r.
Presid^t. & Govern^r. of Fort S^t. George &c^a.Council.

Hon^ble. S^r. &c^a.

On the 17^th. June Arrived here y^e. President [Cap^t.] Freeman w^th. a Pacquett from y^r. Hon^r. &c^a. w^th. severall [Goods for which] wee return our humble thanks for w^ch. answered the [...] of [Lading...] of Blew L. Cloth 7 p^r. of Slippers [...] Baggs of rice short, there was also 1 Jarr of Oyl & 1 Butter broke Comeing on shore & p^s. 139 of white L. Cloth & 30 p^s. Gurrahs, damaged on board the ships the Goods were all examined in Presence of y^e. Command^r wee made demands of them for the deficiency but he protesting the Goods were in y^e same order & Condition that they came aboard and the Bales likewise seeing not to be Opened presume to Debt your Place for s^d. Deficiency if you are not pleased to order to y^e. Contrary.

Wee are Glad to hear the Toddington was safely Arriv^d. and hope those Letters wee have sent since by the Abraham, the Rising Sun and the Elizabeth Galley are Come to hand long ere this Assuring Your Hon^r. &c^a: whenever there is the least probability of your receiving advice from Us wee shall not be unmindfull of our Duty to present it right.

The Jane is not Arrived here, neither can wee learn w^t. is become of her, we have particular regard to your Orders in getting Pepper for her on any other ship your Hon^r. &c^a. shall think fitt to send here for there is now in y^e. warehouse Baharrs 550 here and Sillabarr.

Wee advised your Hon^r. &c^a. ℔ y^s: Rising Sun when the Thistleworth sailed from Batavia, beleive it was time enough to gett her Passage since her Departure no Europe Ship has been here.

Tis a great Concern to Us that your Hon^r. &c^a. should have so much Occasion to Complain of y^e. management of these Settlements it has alltogether proceeded from the unhappy Temper of y^e. Deceased M^r. Ettricke whose notions led him away to fighting & embroiling our Hon^ble. masters Affairs w^th. y^e. Country Governm^t. instead of minding his Duty to them and you and y^e. Continual indisposition of M^r. Daniel who Succeeded him to the Chair as y^e. Present Deputy Governour desires to inform you, he being the only Person left of y^e. Councill appointed by y^e. Supervisor M^r. Jeremiah Harrison and is very uneasie till he has satisfied your Hon^r. &c^a. that he was no wayes instr[u]mentall or Concerned in those Unwarrantable Proceedings mentioned in your Letter having allwayes Opposed them to y^e. utmost he possibly Could w^th.out bringing the Comp^as. affairs into entire Confusion, there being ever since the last Troubles only M^r. Ettrick Daniel and himselfe Councill att y^e. Board & althô the s^d. Persons are deceased he is in hopes of your Hon^r. &c^a. good opinion of him, since you'll perceive his Proceedings since his Succession to the Chair have altogether deviated, from theirs, & by a mild behaviour to y^e. natives has engaged them to bring in their Pepper as formerly, w^ch. till then they entirely obstructed as y^e. Acc^ts. make Appear.

Wee shall be very frugall in our expences of y^e. stores your Hon^r. &c^a. are pleased to send us & take Care to advise of our wants that the shipping dispatched hence hereafter may have no excuse to gò to Batavia being sensible of y^e. Detriment it is to our Hon^bl^e. Masters wee have a good Quantity of arrack, sugar, & rice &c^a. to supply w^t. Ships wee are able to dispatch this season, but if they Occasion for Salt Provisions wee are destitute as also of anchors & Cables not having one by us fitt for any service & are very bare of all other Navall stores, we cant make a sortment not being Acquainted w^th. w^t. ships may want, so humbly referr it to your Hon^r. &c^a.

Upon the Decease of M^r. Anthony Ettrick the Deputy Governour proceeded [...] to your hon^r. &c^as. Directions Opening the Cash in presence of most of y^e. [Comp^y.] Covenanted servants then here appears by the Enclosed Coppys of y^e. Acc^t. of [...] found in y^e. Consultation room att his decease from under their hands [the] Truth of w^ch. they were sworn att M^r. Daniells arrivall from Bantall.

It was undoubtedly an omission in Mr. Ettricks that his books were not Opened in so long a time but they averr it [was] wholly ye. Fault of Mr. John Daniel decd. who had then under his [Care] because he was indebted to Mr. Ettrick Pags. 447. 18. —. as ye. Accts. now make appear would not permitt the Others to look over them, they are now adjusted & doubt not but his Executors will find they have had Justice done them.

Wee should be Glad to Advice your Honr. &ca. that wee had found out the mistake of ye. 1000 Dollars Charged to Mr. Thos. Kingsley, we have made diligent search into ye. Accts. & find that he recd. Ps. 7700 out of ye. Rt. Honble. Compas. Cash on ye. Paymasters accts. from the time of his Arrivall to his suspention as Appears ℔ ye. inclosed receipts Under his hand in wares and stores Ps. 1324. 10. 5 the Totall is Ps. 9024. 10. 5, and his whole disburstments &ca. amounts to Pags. 7715. 4. 5 wch. makes the Ballance due from him Ps. 1309 & 6 fanams.

As to Mr. Stotherds Affairs wee take leave to inform your Honr. &ca. wth. out ye. least mallice or ill design towards him that he was a Gentleman allwayes so negligent & imperfect in his Accts. and if your honr. &ca. will please to look into his Transactions before the supervisors Arrival and since that we presume his suspention conformable to our Honble. masters &ca. order as to ye. deficiency in ye. Salt Petre how it came we are entire straingers but in this we are well assured there has been quantities of Powder made & used during the former troubles on this Coast by the Mallays where they had their Petre from, wee cannot learn.

Since ye. return of ye. Salt yt. was ingrossed by Mr. Ettrick to the true Owners the Natives have brought in Considerable quantities of rice & [paddy] to prevent such Practices for ye. future wee shall observe yr. Honr. &cas. orders [on this] Particular.

The Cheife & Councill of Bantall requesting wt. writing As [sistants] wee could spare wee have sent down by ye. Ship Presidt. Mr. John Kno[x] writer and Advised them of ye. Six months Salary advanced them att [Fort] St. George.

The Ship President wee dispatched for Bantall wth. [Treasure], Goods & Stores for Purchase of Pepper & defraying expences of those [Invest]ments wee have ordered them to lade upon her back what Pepper [they have] or can purchase in any reasonable time and att her return shall order [her] for Talloo about 20 Leagues to ye. Sc. y ward of this Place where the [have] great Quantitys of Pepper now lying ready but they have no sea [boats or] Persons to bring it hither likewise a bad Barr wee assure your Honr. &ca. to use our utmost endeavours and Diligence in [bringing the] same into our honble. Masters Godownes.

All the Compas. Settlements on this Coast are now att Peace and Quietness ye. great & Governing men of Anak Songey (have since the arrivall of Mr. Stephen Bailhon at Bantall) acknowledged Sultan Guillamott their true Prince and Lawful Soveraign so that wee hope the Pepper Trade resetled again to our Honble. Masters Advantage for wee hear by all advices, that the Natives have thrown off the thoughts of Warr and are returned to their Pepper Plãtations sic and Paddy Ladongs, Sultan Zelone & Dattoe Compar who returned from Bantall overland gives us an Acct. of abundance of Pepper everywhere as they passed throw [*sic*] the barrs being very bad and shallow is ye. reason it is not brought in, wee are Glad to advice yr. Honr. &ca. that wee have finisht two Godownes att the Carrang, wch. is a vast encouragement to ye. Natives, to bee free from the risque of this Barr.

Upon receipt of ye. Charltons Invoice wee examind. it with our Accts. of wt. recd. by wch. wee find the Storekeeper has not brought any Gun Powder to his Acct. and upon enquiry can never Learn it was ever recd. a shoar and ye. redwood aboard differs from ye. Capt. report 13 sticks he having there was no more than 140 when the Invoice specifies 153 wee desire your Honr. &cas. Orders wt. accts. the said Deficiency must be brought to the Treasure Consigned here on said ship the London Acct. Currt. has Creditt for wch. shall take Care to rectifye our Books.

'Twas Undoubtedly great Presumption in sending Mr. White to Batavia when he was so much wanted here but wee assure Your Honr. &ca. there was no private interest in his going and are satisfyed that it was entirely opposed by ye. present Deputy Governr. but to no purpose for Mr. Daniell took such an antipathy against

Cap^{t}. Wilkins for some reflections on y^{e}. Companys service that he was resolved not to trust him wth. anything since said M^{r}. Whites Arrivall he has applyed himselfe to y^{e}. Books and are in great hopes to make them part of y^{e}. Packett to our Hon^{ble}. Masters by this Years Shipping.

Wee hope our Gen'll Books Commencing Sep^{r}. 1710 & Concluding y^{e}. ult^{o}. Aprill following have mett your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. Perusall and if any errors in the method or otherwise only waite Your Hon^{r}. &c^{as}. Orders to Correct them.

The late mismanagement in these Settlements wholly arose from M^{r}. Ettricks imbroils wth. y^{e}. natives for whenever he was minded to have a skirmish wth. them, the Covenanted serv^{ts}. (who ought to be att y^{e}. Acc^{ts}.), were the Persons pitched on to undertake such expeditions.

Wee are Glad to inform you the Country has been for some months past & is now in Peace & Quietness & y^{t}. wee have any fair Prospect of getting good Quantitys of Pepper w^{ch}. investments shall want encouragement wee'll take Care to be punctually in our advices remitting our acc^{ts}. & wherever wee find an oppertunity to retrench our expences, shall pursue it wth. y^{e}. utmost endeavours not doubting [but our performances therein] will recommend us to our hon^{ble}. masters [. . .].

M^{r}. William Douglass's Estate has paid into Cash 199. 12. 6 so that the [ball^{ce}.] now due from him is P^{s}. 205. 8. 5, M^{r}. Anthony Ettricke is still in[debted] P^{s}. 1669. 15. 7 as appears ℔ his Acc^{t}. Currant to this Day w^{ch}. comes enclosed.

As to Mess^{rs}. Skingle Stotherd & Kingsley have rec^{d}. nothing [on] their Acc^{ts}. since last advice neither of them having any Effects [as we] Learne now remaining on this Coast, wee have nothing materiall to add but wish our hon^{ble}. Masters Peace and Prosperity in all their undertakings and wishing your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. all success remain

York Fort
July y^{e}. 28th. 1712.
Rec^{d}. y^{e}. 21st. Sep^{r}.

Hon^{ble}. S^{r}. &c^{a}.
Your most Obed^{t}. hum^{ble}. Serv^{ts}.

John Hunter.
Tho^{s}. Loyd.
Henry White.

P.S

Hon^{ble}. S^{r}. &c^{a}.

On the 23^{d}. in y^{e}. evening arrived here the Success Cap^{t}. Page Keeble from England wth. a Pacquett from y^{e}. Hon^{ble}. court of Directors 6 Chests of Treasure & several stores for the use of these Settlements as appears ℔ Copy of y^{e}. Invoice here included, think it Convenient to advise your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. the Commander touched at the Madera Islands & Batavia Comeing out he informs us that he parted wth. the Marlborough Cap^{t}. Matthew Martin y^{e}. Kent Cap^{t}. Lawrence Minter, the Recovery Cap^{t}. Joseph Beale and y^{e}. Mary Cap^{t}. Richard Holden off y^{e}. Cape who put in there, the three former bound for y^{e}. Coast & Bay & y^{e}. Latter for y^{e}. Bay only.

Wee observe our hon^{ble}. Masters orders to dispatch w^{t}. shipping they send out wth. all possible expedition and will take Care to Comply wth. them those in y^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. Generall by the Ship Presid^{t}. tending to y^{e}. same Copy of y^{e}. Courts in Generall Letter to us as also one from M^{r}. Thomas Wooley by their Directors comes wth. this for your Hon^{r}. &c^{as}. Perusall.

Wee shall have particular regard to all Orders and Instructions in them as also those we have and may hereafter receive from Your hon^r^. &c^as^. Councill being w^th^. due respects Y^r^.

Hon^rs^. &c^a^.
most Obed^t^. Serv^ts^.
J. Hunter.
T. Loyd.
H. White.

No. 168

To the Hon^ble^. Edward Harrison Esq^r^.
Presid^t^. & Govern^r^. of Fort S^t^. George &c^a^. Councill.

Hon^ble^. S^r^. &c^a^.

Our last [to your] Hon^r^. &c^a^. was on y^e^. 16^th^. ins^t^. since [w^ch^. we have] the favour of yours of y^e^. 19^th^.

Wee are very Glad to hear Sloop Mary [. . .] w^th^. her Cargoe and hope long before this Sloop Ramah will be w^th^. [. . .] her the first of these two vessells mett w^th^. a very quick Passage [but . . .] very hard to procure her a full Loading w^ch^. wee hope to [. . .] of next [month] when the shall be immediately return [. . .] Wee have att last rec^d^. from Arcott, that Kirkbred and his Associates arrived safe there where they offered their Service to the Duan, who att first was enclinable to accept their Offer but on y^e^. receipt of y^e^. Deputy Govern^rs^. Letter that they belonged to the Hon^ble^. President & had for some hainous Crime deserted from y^e^. Garrison here he rejected it so that they are still wandering, but we dont Doubt now are got so near Fort S^t^. George & in a Government where your Hon^r^. &c^a^. have so great Interest and reputation y^t^. you'll be able w^th^. a great deal of ease to procure their being Seized and sent you, so that wee shall desist from any further Pursuit of 'em from hence.

Wee cant be certain w^t^. was y^e^. real reason of their behaving themselves in this manner but are inclinable to beleive the Ensigne went away himselfe, and invited the others along w^th^. him for his Protection being under Apprehensions he should be broke on return of M^r^. Raworth, for in his absence he had left his Guard w^th^. out any bodys ℔ mission and was so unfortunate as to be drunk in y^e^. Punch house w^n^. Corporall Starkey murdered the Arrack fellow, who when first he deliver'd himselfe up, said he did it by his Order, and to Corroberate the truth of w^t^. he said, his sword was found by y^e^. man all bloody and y^e^. point broke w^ch^. put him under a great Concerne (tho the fellow afterwards denyed w^t^. he first Declared) and he often used to express himselfe very uneasily and that he was sure he was Undone.

As to the other two fellows who deserted to Ponticherry wee did not think it worth while to trouble your Hon^r^ &c^a^. w^th^. an Acc^t^. of it, since they were immediately returned, and upon examining 'em, for w^t^. reason they went away they declare can give none, and have no other excuse to make but they got Drunk and went they knew not where till the effects of y^e^. Liquor was Ceased, whe[n] they found themselves half way to Ponticherry and knowing very well w^t^. would be y^e^. reward of y^e^. Crime they had Committed they thought it better to put emselves under y^e^. Protection of M^r^. Hebbert and desired him to interceed for their Pardon then return to their Stations but possivetively [*sic*] disown to have told him that they were not daily paid w^ch^. would have bin a most notorious Story, for they rec^d^. their Pay for August but two dayes before, & happened to be so very good husbands that not a fanam of it was stopt att y^e^. Table.

About four dayes Agoe wee recd. advices from Conimeer, that one of ye. Polligarrs came from ye. woods and took away some Palmeras and other odd things out of our Factory there on wch. the Deputy Governour wrote a Letter to ye. Phousdar to desire he would procure their being returned or else make 'em Good himselfe, to wch. he has sent a very civill answer, and excuses himself for suffering such things to be Committed in his Governmt. being but just [arrived] there, but promises he wont permit action of yt. nature [to be practised] for ye. future there is a great deal of buildings there and [a very large] Spot of Ground wch. may deserve a little Care so if your honr. &ca. [pleases wee] will a Lock upon the Gate and a Peon or two, wch. will be of [. . .] [reduce it] to a worse Condition then now it is in.

Pursuant to your Order wee delivered ye. ten [bales] of Broad Cloth you sent us on ye. Mary to our old joint stock Merchants for wch. their Accot. Currt. shall be debted, and wee shall likewise debt Cheva [Naigue] Reddee &ca. for ye. Broad Cloth and rose-water sent to Mr. Hebbert in[stead] of wt. presented Mahobut Cawne, and the Buxee wt. he had in Conjun[ction] wth. Mr. Benyon ye. Accomodations of ye. differences between us.

There has past by a Dutch Sloop from Jaffnapatam bound to Madrass this morning wch. is all wee have to trouble your Honr. with at present, and are

Fort St. David
Sepr. the 20th. 1712.
Recd. ye. 22d. Ditto.

Honble. Sr &ca.
Your most Obedt. humble. [servts.]
Robt. Raworth.
Richd. Farmer.
Jno. Berlu.
Rich: Harrison.
Pp: Baker.
Matt: Weld.
Thos. Woodard.

No. 169

To the Honble. Edward Harrison Esqr.
Presidt. & Governour of Fort St. George &ca. Councill.

Honble. Sr. &ca.

By this Ship Barrington we send 47 Bales of Callicoes amo. to Pags. 4878. 8. 2 as ℔ Invoice which with Bill of Lading is enclosd. We shall have more Bales for the Monchu that will sail in 5 or 6 Days time and tho we cant come up to the No. of what Bales promisd yett the sums of 7000 Pags. advanced to the Merchts. [will] be returned by the Larger Quantity of Beeteelaes which we hope [will] Come in time to be Washed.

Warr between the Nabob and Rajahs have put a [stop to] Our Trade in those parts of Ingerom and Mr. ffaucett for [. . .] sent 30 Bales of Long Cloth and one of Sallempores wch. were [. . .] the 5th. on board the Jane that is proceeded to Madapollam [to lade] in what more Bales are ready there and here being a Report [that] Troubles are over, Wee hope Mr. ffaucett will make a speedy [. . .] to gett in the Goods contracted for and send them by some Vessell [. . .] at one wch. if we hear he's returnd we'll order to call from this [. . .] of the Invoice for this 31 Bales is enclosd and designing to [. . .] again in 2 or 3 Days by Tappys, the Dispatch of this [. . .] as in heart with Our greatest respects to subscribe

Vizagapatam
Sepr. the 7th.
Recd. do. the 23 } 1712.

Honble. Sr. &ca.
Your most Obedt. [humble servts.]
[. . .]

No. 170

To the Hon^ble. Edward Harrison Esq^r.
Presid^t. & Govern^r. of Fort S^t. George &c^a. Councill.

Hon^ble. S^rs. &c^a.

On the 22^d. in the Evening We rec^d. Your Hon^r. &^as. of the 20^th. Ins^t. which Acknowledges the receipt of Our three Letters to the 16^th. and Advices us that You have news of the Ensign and the Men who deserted with him we had the same Account from Our Bramin which was imediately imparted to the hon^ble. Presid^t. and We dont doubt but Y^r. Hon^r. &c^a. will take Effectuall methods to procure there being delivered up the names of the 2 who since deserted to Pondicherry are Philip Haws and Hendrick Johnson besides a 3^d. who was dischargd having by continuall Sottishness renderd himself Uncapable of serving the Comp^a. and he it was who upon M^r. Heberts asking him the reason why he came to Ponticherry, told him because he rec^d. no pay here what the rest of the Soldiers Cheifly Terms Greivances was their being Compelld to take Coats and Pay the Debts they had some time agoe Contracted at the Punch house which wee were forced to stop from em to enable the Renters to pay what they owd the Company.

We shall observe w^t. Your Hon^r. &c^a. write concerning to the 30 Bales, Our Merch^ts. have sollicited us to take in Acc^t. last Contract & return 'em upon their hands.

Enclosd is a List of the Sev^ll. Persons who were formerly indebted to the Warehouse with the amo^t. of w^t. they have paid in, We beleive it was in M^r. Martins time and therefore he must have Creditt in Your Gen^ll. Books for it.

We thank Your Hon^r. &c^a. for complying with our Bill payable to the order of our Joynt Stock Merch^ts. but must request You notwithstanding to send us a speedy supply for if the New setts goe on with their Contract We shall live but very Uneasy lives whilst they bring in Goods and we have not Mony for to pay for em and enclosd is Copy of the last Months Acco^t. Cash by which youll see how small the Ballance was the Acco^t. of this Month shall be sent You likewise as soon as its expird and we sball continue Monthly to follow that Practice for the future.

We are very glad to hear Sloop Ramah with the Bales Loaden her is arrivd safe and shall very speedily send the Mary to You full Loaden likewise the Weather continuing mighty fair and our Washers being very hard at Work.

Twas a Particular satisfaction to us to read in the beginning of y^e. 8^th. Paragraph that Your Hon^r. &c^a. approvd of the Prizes we had agreed with Our Merch^ts. for the Callicoes they had taken to provide but where much concernd on further perusall to find that you are of opinion We have granted 'em a disproportionable Quantity of fine Goods, We assure Y^r. Hon^r. &c^a. we usd our utmost endeavours to reduce em to less but in Vain and twas meerly by compulsion that we at last prevaild with em to Contract for those mention'd in the List sent you for they first of all very strenuously endeavou[r]d an Advance on the old Prices and an Encrease on the Quantity of fine Goods and when We had [put] these two Demands out of their heads they then obstinately insisted on the Quantitys of last Year and we thought Our selves happy when we had overcome 'em [so far as to engage em to undertake the business on so much advantages] to themselves & reduction of 1000 pieces of 40 Coveds Beeteelaes and a 1000 Neckloths however on receipt of Y^r. Hon^r. &c^a. of the 20^th. Wee [summoned] into Consultation and acquainted 'em w^t. further abatement Y^r. Hon^r. &c^a. [allow] on the fine Goods upon w^ch. without using any of their needless [preambles] they Unanimously declard it was impossible for em to serve the Hon^ble. Comp^a on [those] terms that they woud be glad to give them their Utmost assistance in dispatch[ing] their ships tho they made only the Interest of their Mony but hopd Y^r. Hon^r. did not expect they shou'd obligé em to their own prejudice. We continued discussing with them on this subject about an hour but finding 'em persist resolutely in their opinions, we dismissd em desireing they woud

consider further of it. Yr. Honr. &ca. may be assurd We shall use our strongest Efforts to bring em as near yr. Calculate as possible but much fear Our Endeavours will prove fruitless and therefore desire Youll be pleasd to send us a List of wt. fine goods you can possibly consent to which shall immediately be shewn em nor shall any pains be wanting in us to bring 'em to a Complyance in tho they are very much exasperated on this Occasion and wn. they were told Your Honr. &ca. had deferrd giving Your Consent towards an abatement of their Customs they showd a greater uneasiness still which makes us heartily Wish You woud be pleasd to gratify em at once in that ℔ticular and if they are employd this Year it will no doubt make em goe very cheerfully on with their business nor doe we in the least doubt but the seperation of em into three Compas. will have the good Effect we before mentiond without making the Goods scarcer or dearer than usuall.

When we know what Quantity of fine Goods Yr. Honr. &ca. can [grant] we shall then see if its possible for us to Contract for 500 Bales more to be brought in by the 10th. of February.

Our Generall Books are Copying Over and shall be sent Your Honr. &ca. with Duplicate of our Letters to the Honble. Court of Managers with all other necessary Books and Papers to be forwarded [by] the Dartmouth.

We have nothing further to add then to subscribe [Ourselves]

Fort Sr. David — Honble Sr. &ca.

September the 24th. } 1712.
Recd. ditto the 27 }

Your most Obedt. [humble] Servants.

Robert Ra[worth].
Richd. [Farmer].
John [Berlu].
Richd. [Harrison].
Philip [Baker].
Mathew [Weld].
Thos. [Woodard].

No. 171

To the Honble. Edwd. Harrison Esqr.
Presidt. & Govr. of Fort St. George &ca. Council.

Honble. Sr. &ca.

We thought to have kept the Mary here till we had Bales enough to Load her but the Winds beginning to grow Variable and the Weather looking more Cloudy than it has for some days past We thought it woud be much more Acceptable to Your Honr. &ca. to dispatch her to You with those We have ready, accordingly We have now Loaden on her 55 Bales amounting to Pags. 2939 Bill of Lading and Invoice for which are enclosd which we wish safe arrivd to Your Honr. &ca.

Besides the Variableness of the Winds and Cloudiness of the Weather We have another reason to hasten those Bales to You for Our Barr is so very near being Chokd up that at low Water there's no more than three Inches on it so as we have no Mussulaes if it happens not to open again very speedily we shoud find it very difficult to ship em of and therefore for fear of such an Accident we desire Your Honr. &ca. will be pleasd to return on the Mary Mangoe or Angele Planks if procurable enough to make half a Dozen Mussulaes.

We have nothing further to Impart to You by this Conveyance so shall conclude.

FORT ST. DAVID
SEPTEMBER THE 27TH.
RECD. DITTO THE [29TH]. } 1712.

HONBLE. SR. &CA.
Your most Obedient humble Servants

ROBERT RAWORTH.
RICHARD FARMER.
JOHN BERLU.
RICHARD HARRISON.
PHILIP BAKER.
MATHEW WELD.
THOS. WOODWARD.

No. 172.

TO THE HONBLE. EDWARD HARRISON ESQR.
PRESIDT. AND GOVR. OF FORT ST. GEORGE &CA. COUNCILL.

HONBLE. SR. &CA.

This comes by the Monchu with 21 Bales of Callicoes amounting to as ℔ Invoice Pags. 2141. 32. 2 which with Bill of Lading is enclosd.

We recd. Yesterday in the afternoon Yours dated the 5th. Instant by the Charlton and have gott the Chest of Treasure ashore but the ship lies t'other side the Dolphins Nose and Strong Curt. from the N°. ward hinders her coming into the Road as also the Madapollam Yatch.

We shall give a full answer to Your Letter by the Tappys and Wishing the favourable Winds and Currants may bring these Bales to a timely reception We most respectfully subscribe.

VIZAGAPATAM
SEPTEMBER THE 16TH.
RECD. OCTOBER THE 4 } 1712.

HONBLE. SR. &CA.
Your most Obedt. humble. Servants

FRANCIS HASTINGS.
ROBERT CRANWELL.

No. 173.

TO THE HONBLE. EDWD. HARRISON ESQR.
PRESIDT. & GOVERNR. OF FORT ST. GEORGE &CA. COUNCILL.

HONBLE. SR. &CA.

Our last to You was of the 15th. July last Copy of wch. come herewith since which have receivd Yours of the 5th. dº. ℔ Darby of the [...] ℔ London 11th. ℔ Ely of the 17th. ℔ Severn & Dolben, 24th. ℔ Ely and 5th. [Instant] ℔ Mary to the needful in all such shall now give answer.

Ship Darby arrivd in Ballasore Road the first Augst. the [...]unlading and shall by next give You an Accot. wither the Goods [by her] come out according to Invoice.

We observe Your Repeated Complaints of the Dilitaryness [of] Tappys between Ballasore and Ganjam which we have endeavoured [to] remedy as You will find in a Paragrā in our Letter of the 28th.

Wee Joyn with you in Our Wishes about Bencoolen [...] the Honble. Compas. Affairs will flourish at that Settlemt. upon [...].

As to what you write about sending Ophium to York Fort it [had] never been the Custom of this Place to send anything to that Place dependant on Madrass but what You have desird, nor had not sent ophium Last year if we had not been possitively Comanded by Our Master.

Your Gov^{rs}. Letter to Zoody Cawn was deliverd and observe that Our [...] for Rupees 5000 to Aga Pera was paid.

We hope on the Arrivall of the Persia Ships Y^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. will endeavour to procure us some Persia horses as You promise. As to Elephants we take Notice of the Impossibility of shipping any large ones from Madrass and the little ones will be of no service.

We observe that Nicola Manuch does not proceed to Court his Intrest there being gone.

As for the severall Letters You sent us to be forwarded to Court from the Bishop of S^{t}. Thoma and the Bury they are still by us it being impossible to send them Yet the Ways being stopd by Chowkeys who have seiz'd all Our Letters to and from Pattana for the great while which is done by both Partys to prevent the sending any News to or from Court, on the Bishop of S^{t}. Thoma's arrivall in the River We sent him a great Budgrow to Convey him up to Hughly who on his Way thither calld here to pay our Gov^{r}. a Vissitt and was receivd with due Respect.

Cap^{t}. Upton on the London arriv'd in Ballasore Road the 19th. July last with 420 Bales Cotton from Bombay in return of which the Gen^{ll}. &c^{a}. Councill desire to have Salt Petre and what ffreight Goods Wee can Get for that place & Surrat so that she may be dispatcht at farthest by the 20th. Nov^{r}. & upon no Acco^{t}. whatsoever to keep her Longer and the Cap^{t}. hath orders from them that in Case he's not full freighted to Call at Anjengo and Callicutt and to take in what Pepper and other Goods are ready for them times being so bad here tis a great Question wither any freight will be able to be gott down either from Patna or Murroodabad even for those Ships that shall happen to goe out Late and she being to be dispatchd so early We have no Prospect of getting any freight for her and has (*sic*) to Petre cant spare any having but Just enough for our Own shipping the Manag^{rs}. of the Bales intended for Suratt and Persia (now lying at hugly) are [...] in the Country however We shall use Our Utmost endeavours if Possible to gett them for her but if our Endeavors prove Eneffectual Our present thoughts are to send her up to You with Rice after which the ship to proceed for Bombay bring of the same opinion with y^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. that Grain will turn to very considerable advantage to Our Hon^{ble}. Mast^{rs}. if it be at Sixty Pag^{s}. ℔ Garce.

In Answer to the 10th. Paragraph of the Gen^{ll}. Letter dat[ed...] Darby wherein You write we complaind of the little Quantity of Broad cloth that slipt down the Year before which was alledgd as a reason for not [sending] us any more. We say we should never have made any Complaint if it [would] come down to be disposd of by Us but because it was sold at Madrass, Pattans who brought it hither and vended it prodigiously cheaper than Our Merchant can afford to sell it to prevent the Like Misfortune for the future which has not provd a great Loss to him, therefore acquainted you with it to prevent the like misfortune for the future which has now provd so effectuall but that above one hundred bales have slipt down this year thro the same hands, which will prove a great Disadvantage to the Companys sale of Cloth here and they have had that regard to the Person who takes of all their Cloth and Lead, as to order us in the Gen^{ll}. Letter upon no Acco^{t}. whatsoever to send any of these Comoditys upon their Account to any Place where he disposes of them to [Interfeer] with him.

The Broad Cloths bought by the Supra Cargoes of the Dolben and Severn of the broaker at Suratt and brought hither on those ships which You advise Us of where bought so dear that they cannot gett the Prime Cost for it, so that no Damage can accrue from that to him.

The Lift of what Cap^{t}. Wotton in the Darby has registred at Madrass we have receivd and shall transmitt it to England with what he shall register here in the Comp^{as}. Packett.

We have receivd the Chest of Medicines ℔ Darby which came on the Jane from England and was designd for Us before the Misfortune the ship mett with.

The Errors in the Avarilla's Invoice was Y^r. [Omitting] to Charge us with the Betterness on 261 lb. 6 dw^s. of Ducatoons which amount [to] 58. 3 lb. dw^s. of Standard Silver at Six ℔ Ounce making Starling Mony 190. 17 lb. [sh.] [at] 9 shili. per Per Pagoda is Pag^s. 424 [£] 4, but You mistake in the Calculation making the betterness but 52. 3. 16 which You may please to rectify by Charging us with the difference of 8. 7 oz. dw^s. of silver which you underreckon to Betterness the amo^t. is 2 £ 10 s. 1 d. at 9 s. per Pagoda is Pag^s. 5. 20.

The Error You mention in the Weight of Caresadoes was only a figure transposed You writing 209. 8 instead of 290. 8 but the amount was right computed for 290. 8 so that makes no difference in Our Acco[^ts].

The Red Wood ℔ London we have rec^d. but comes 10 Maund short of Invoice Calculating at 6¾ Maunds Factory Weight ℔ Candy.

We have received from Cap^t. Upton the letter from M^r. [. . .] which he writt Us ℔ the Hon^ble. Comp^as. orders and You [recd. . .] Arabella and sent us by him, it proves to be the same Purport w^th. yours.

We are glad to hear ships Bouverie Tankervile and Hallifax arrivd time enough at the Cape to join the Dutch fleet and the Dispatch of the S^t. George and there being was early enough (being 12 Jan^y.) to have beleivd they might have had the like Good fortune; We did what was in our Power but cannot answer for Cap^ts. Mismanagements or Accid^ts. that happen after they are gone from Us.

The Advice we have rec^d. ℔ Mary of the S. George's being at the Cape has quite dissipated Our fears of her being taken, we have some reason to be in pain for the Sherebone because we have not heard of her but hope there will not be like mismanagement there as was on board the S^t. George which we doubt not but You have heard of.

We observe what You wrote in Your two Letters ℔ Ely which the Pegue Embassadors came down on and according to Your desire rec^d. them with the Respect due to their Charecters by sending down a Budgrow and some English to Conduct them up hither they were rec^d. ashore with the Compli[ments] of our Gunns.

What You say about Zulphaker Cawn is Confirmd here, therefore shall esteem as the fittest Person to make Our application to when send the Present to the King.

Our Hon^ble. Mast^rs. Packett ℔ Marlbro which You sent ℔ Ely is come to hand.

We note Your Reasons for not detaining the Pegue Embassadors at Your Duans request.

We observe what You write in Relation to M^r. William Bugden Dec^d. his Estate M^r. John Colvert Trustee for the same being dead having in no Wise kept any Regular Accounts so that all his Papers &c^a. are in a Confusd condition M^r. Williamson alledges that has yett all he's possessd of belonging to M^r. Calvert appears as the said Deceasds propper Estate & he shall forbear making any Paym . till all his Creditors have time by Notice to make their Demands however in the Intrim shall enquire for M^r. Bugdens Outcry account and use his endeavours by a thorough Perusalls of his Loose Papers to dœ the Children all the Justice immaginable and pay w^t. may appear due to them in Our Hon^ble. Mast^rs. Cash here.

We understand M^r. Tho^s. Rudge Deceasd of this Place had some Effects has Raw Silk &c^a. in his Brothers Possession with You when he died for which there still stands a Note at Intrest in a Black Merch^ts. hands M^r. Bennet advises he applied himself to the Gov^r. and Councill and coud gett no Redress but Referrance to England which we[cannot] but think very strange since demand was made before the Remittance of his Estate for England and by which the Merchant must be the sufferer and the Gentlem^ns. reputation suffer very much.

Ship Mary arrivd in Ballasore Road the 13^th. Instant and in[. . .] by her Observe the Cap^ts. reasons for touching at Your Port w^ch. happend luckily to have his Dollers Coind into Rupees the 16 Chests of Rup^s. [sent] by her are just arrivd here but not examind.

We perceive the Necessity You had of Opening the Compas. Packett to Us ℔ Mary to examine wither the Bullion came out according to Invoice which coud not otherwise be done Regularly.

We coud not give You any Directions wt. stamp to put on Your Rupees by reason the Duan after the Mogulls Death coind Sicca's in the name of Azemashawn Behawdar Shaw and afterwards Jahawdar Shaw but was sometime in doubt of Furruckseers Power and shut up the Mint before 1,000 Rups. were Coin'd in his Name the Dutch did Coine about a Lack and half in the Name of Azemashawn but must be Obligd to Coine them over again when the Mint is open the best direction we can give is to Coine them in the name of Shawallum and dated the last Year of his reign they at present passing without the least Scruple.

According to Your last request we have sent for the Mastr. of the Russell who gives the following Account.

"Fryday Aprill the 25th. I mett the Howland Capt. Cook Comandr. off [. . .] "head in the Lattd. 5: 40 N°. and about 10 Leags. to the Eastward of the Gold "Mount. We kept Company till May the 2d. then lost Compa. in the Lattd. "6: 20 in sight of S°. way the Island bearing S B E ½ E distance about 12 "Leags. I kept standing to the Westward and went through the Niccombarrs in the "Lattd. of 7 and 30 and mett with fresh Gales from S S Wt. to W S Wt."

Since which Senr. Nicola is arrivd from Acheen and acquaints us [that] he was on board her at anchor in 16 fathom Water off of that Place the 13th. May last and that she saild the 16 with a strong Westerly Wind wch. Continued some time after Capt. Cooke told him he [designd] for Malacca and Batavia and then to Madrass so hope theres no Room to fear she is [not] safe.

The Black Merchants Mr. Chittys Crs. begin to be very uneasy about their Debts having heard that You seize every thing of his that comes into Your Power nothing having escapd You except barely remaind of his concern in the Dolben and Shawllum, You having taken his share of wt. Silver there was of those ships Stocks You say in Your Letter of the 5th. Augst. that this and what we securd in Our hands before he left Us will be sufficient to discharge the Patna Shroff and after that You think the English Credrs. should be [. . .] to the black in Answer to which we must say that it will not be [sufficient] as We have writt before that the English can easier gettth. [. . .] Out of his Estate in England than the Black Merchants [. . .] they ought to have the same Justice as the English which if they have not will be a great dishonour to us they desireing we would not lett him goe off the Place & before wee did ℔mitt him gave them our promise that we woud Secure [wt.] we coud of his to pay them.

We have recd. the Extract of the 17th. Para. Out of Our Honble. Mastrs. Letter to Madrass about the Entry of the seperate stock ship Arabella Capt. Read Comander.

We observe by the 13th. Para. of ye. Lettr. of 5th. July last ℔ Derby Your Intention of dispatching the Dartmouth sometime in Sepr. and if the Country continues Quiett You doubted not but that You shoud load home another of the same Burthen in January which we take to be all You find a Possibility of doeing this Year, We have in the Godowns ready made us 500 Bales besides the 300 You now send us and expect the next Month from Santapore & Handy all to receive 170 more to which Place have already sent Soldiers to Convoy them down and 100 more from Radnagor so that by the End of Sepr. we shall have 1070 Bales which will enable us to give the ship Derby an early dispatch and shall use our utmost endeavours to send the ship Mary away in January as to the other Ships cant tell Yett what we shall doe with them.

As to the Country Governm . it continues as when last Wrote You and beleive twill doe so till the Raines are over.

We have just now recd. Letters from Patna dated the 29th. June Copy of which we send You for Your Perusall by which You'll see our Honble. Mastrs. affaires there are likely to be in a miserable Condition.

If You coud spare us about 10 Barrells of Tarr it would be of service to Us having none in the Place nor none come out in this Years shipping for us.

The Under written is Extract out of the 83d. Paragraph of Our Honble. Mastrs. Genll. Letter to us touching the Measure of Grain wch. We desire Youll inform us of as they direct.

"Parã 83d. Send up to Madrass to give You a Modell how they settled the Office "of Measures of Grain what they are allowd to take and what are their Measures "and what those People annually pay for their Places."

Our Accot. Currt. to Your Place to the Ballance of last Books was ready prepard to send You per this Conveyance but finding some difference in Your last Accot. sent us it will require a little more time to examine them than we can spare at this time.

We have recd. advices from Mr. Acton at Ballasore of three french ships off of Point Palmiras 2 Close in shore and one of at Sea which is confirmed by the Dutch Directors Letter to Our Presidt. as also by a Moors ship now in the Riverr who was e[xamined] by them which Occasions the message of this Vessell to Vizagapatam [and] Your Port if Possible to hinder our Honble. Mastrs. ships bound from [these] Places hither falling into their hands we are also Sending out a small nimble sloop to endeavour to gett without them to acquaint any shipps that may be coming in and always to keep ahead of them at such a Distance as not to be seen by them which is the only means we have left to prevent our shipping being intercepted God grant it may take Effect.

The Chest of Medicines said to be recd. before In this Letter is not yet come up, but is now in the River on board the Darby.

FORT WILLIAM
AUGUST THE 31ST.
RECD. OCTOBR. 8 } 1712.

Wee are
Honble. Sr. &ca.

Your very humble. Servants.

JOHN RUSSELL.
ROBERT HEDGES.
ABRA: ADDAMS.
SAMLL. FEAKE.
J. WILLIAMSON.
EDWD. PAGE.
SAMLL. BROWNE.
JOHN DEANE.

We have put on board the Russell Gally to make her sail worthy 100 ps. of lead which we woud have returnd back also 500 Maunds of Rice which You are to dispose of Accot. the Honble. Company.

We desire Youd return the Russell Gally to Us as soon as possible.

We shall keep a sloop cruising between Point Palmiras and the new Deeps till all our ships are dispatchd, the Private signalls Our President will advise Yours of in his Private Letters to him.

J. DEANE.

No. 174

To THE HONBLE. EDWARD HARRISON ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVR. OF FORT ST. GEORGE &CA. COUNCILL.

HONBLE. SR. &CA.

By this Conveyance comes Coppys of Our Genll. Books and Severall other Papers which were sent to Our Honble. Employers by the Avarilla a List of which is enclosd

and I wish they may reach You time enough to be put on board the Dartmouth for which reason I wont detain em any Longer than to assure You. I am

FORT S^{T}. DAVID.

OCTOB^{R}. THE 4TH. } 1712.
REC^{D}. D^{O}. THE 9 }

We thought to have dispatchd the Rama to your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. with 40 Bales this morning but the Raines are sett in so Violently strong that it prevents both our sorting and putting em on board.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.
Y^{r}. most Obligd Obed^{t}. humble Servant
ROBERT RAWORTH.

No. 175

TO THE HON^{BLE} EDWARD HARRISON ESQ^{R}.
PRESID^{T}. & GOV^{R}. OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE &C^{A}. COUNCILL.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.

Our last to Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. was ℔ sloop Mary of the 27^{h}. Ult^{o}. on which We Loaded 55 Bales amo^{s}. to 2939 Pagodas which we hope are safe arrivd and to morrow we will send You Sloop Ramah with as many as will fill her which we beleive will pritty near conclude the Contract.

When a Commission Officer and five Soldiers had left his Guard and Fled into the Moors Country for Protection We were apprehensive You woud have accusd us of not doeing Our Duty if we had not usd Our Utmost endeav^{rs}. to retreive em and when we were certainly informd they were making their way towards Arcott We coud think of no better Expedient then to advise the Duan (with whom we all know the Hon^{ble}. President has a Particular Intrest) that they belongd to him requesting he woud be so kind to Imprison em and send em either to Fort S^{t}. George or this Place but we are sorry to find it has had a quite contrary Effect to what we desird and shall therefore for the future forbear writing to the Country Governm^{t}. on Such occasions without Your Consent.

The Gentlem^{n}. who were resid^{t}. here at that time say that Kirkbred should have been sent to Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. with Starky but that when the former was brought before them he desired what he had told to Cap^{t}. Wallace in the Presence of M^{r}. Gray besides the Portugueze Man who kept the Punch house declard he was at that Juncture so very Drunk that he was not able to stand.

We are very sensible that our granting Pardons to those of Our Military who desert to Pondicherry when they have Committed a fault which they are apprehensive deserves Punishm^{t}. Induces em very often to take a Walk thither and M^{r}. Raworth has been endeavouring to be on the same Terms with M^{r}. Hebert in that Particular as we are now with the Dutch but coud not Effect it. We shall therefore according to Your Hon^{r}. &c^{as}. orders send to Madrass all Persons who shall be guilty of such a Crime for the future and since your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. approves of it we will send two Peons with a Lock to take care of the Factory at Cunimeer.

The Mussoola with 10,000 Pag^{s}. and a Letter from M^{r}. Secretary Major of the 26 Ult^{o}. arrivd here the 30th. for which supply we return Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. thanks.

Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. may be sure its a great Mortification to that our behaviour should be so hardly Censurd as to be termd disingenuous which is what wee assure You We neither dare or are Capable of being guilty off nor can we think when we reflect on the Contract made last Year and ten years past that Our Merch^{ts}. have Imposd more on us than Our Predecessors its very true that Our Opinions relating to the Comp^{s}. Order are of no significancy for they must be executed and we hope

[...] Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. no reason to beleive that We design to Walk by any other Rule than Obedience [and] we think we have not deviated from even in this last affair [when] by Your Order we negociated with Our Merchants the Proportion We have Reservd for Ourselves of Course Long Cloth is 22,500 Pieces and its very true we have taken more fine of that sort, Sallempores Oringall and 40 and 50 Coveds Beetelaes than woud come to Our Share where there no more than those species of fine Goods to be provided but on Perusall of the List sent from England we found there was besides a Large Quantity of Ginghams, Moorees and Beetelaes of 12 Yards besides 200 Pieces of the finest Sallampores and Moorees for Paintings left entirely for Your Merchants which were we to have our Quota of will amount to a Greater Sum̃ and Quantity of Pieces than what we have taken disproportionably from the sorts before mentiond so that we hope Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. will beleive We have not Acted in this Affair as if we were of Opinion Our Mast^{rs}. drew up the List You sent us without any design which We are all very sensible cant be nor had we any thoughts of deviating from it but only taking what we thought Our share of fine Goods on the Quantity to be provided this Year in Generall and We desire y^{r}. Pardon if We, in this one Particular deviate in Our Opinions from You and beleive Our Merchants have no other design than keeping their Goods up to Muster for as we are all resolved not to give Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. any further Cause of Complaint against Our Sortments We cant Imagine what advantage it will be to their Interests to bring in bad Cloth since it must all be Kept in a Godown apart and when there's Occasion for it Valued Intrinsically and not otherwise whether they are Gainers or not We dont know but are Inclinable to beleive they reap more Advantage by that article than the Course because a Clamour for more fine Goods has been their Practice every Investm^{t}. and We woud endeavour to Reduce their Prices more in Proportion to the others but that by Late Experience We have found it Impracticable.

This has been a very Troublesome business and taken up Our whole time since the Receipt of Yours of the 20th. but thank God at last We have overcome it so farr as to prevail with em to undertake the Provision of the Quantitys of the Severall Species of Callicoes mentiond in the List enclosed 2/3^{ds}. to be brought in by the 10th. Day of January and the other 3^{d}. by the same day in the Month Ensueing which we hope will prove to Your Satisfaction but must at the same time acquaint Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. that it has been by meer threats and Compulsions We have prevaild with em to accept of those terms which they say is a Method never practizd amongst Merchants especially in these Parts who all Sell their Wares as dear as they can without fear of being Chastiz'd for fear of attempting it afterwards and We heartily Wish for their Encouragement that Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. woud be so kind as to make an Addition to the fine Goods which We are told will give great life to the business they have undertaken.

Since Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. are rosolvd not to putt Our Merchants on the same footing as Yours in respect to their Customs till You are convinced by fact their Cloth is as good its in Vain for us to say any more in their behalf but doe assure You that tho we have stated the Case so fairly and Plain as to read Your Own Words severall times to em yett it does not abate their Uneasiness nor will they forbear every time they see us giving Us a great deal of Trouble about that business notwithstanding they have been told that we are determind not to write Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. more on that Subject.

Our Generall Books for dispatch sake were forwarded this Morning with a short Letter from M^{r}. Raworth with [all other] necessary Papers to be sent on the Dartmouth which we [...] arrivd safe & time enough to be put on board, we have not [...] a minute since were advis'd Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. wanted another Duplicate of Our Books so hope, if its Our ill fortune that they dont arrive Seasonably no fault will be laid at our Doors.

M^{r}. John Barrow arrivd here the 23^{d}. Ult^{o}. and upon his telling the Dep^{ty}. Gov^{r}. he was a Writer at Fort S^{t}. George and came away without the Hon^{ble}. Presidents ℔mission was immediately confind and shall continue so a Month Longer from the Receipt of Your Letter during which time he shall be Closely kept to Writing in

the Secretarys Office, he brought with him Rupees New of Madrass One thousand one hundred and seventy two which are securd in our Cash Chest and we request Your Orders about them.

Since Writing the foregoing the Weather is encreasd upon Us and it now blows a Perfect Storm from the West which seems more likely to continue than Clear up, We wish Success to the Dartmouth and all other Ships which at Present are in Madrass Road and are

FORT ST. DAVID
OCTOBER THE 4TH. & 5TH } 1712.
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HONBLE. SR. &CA.

Yours most Obedt. humble Servts.
ROBERT RAWORTH.
RICHARD FARMER.
JOHN BERLU.
RICHARD HARRISON.
PHILIP BAKER.
MATHEW WELD.
THOMAS WOODWARD.

This letter was designd away yesterday in the afternoon but when it was got to Coudalore the weather stood so very Boistrous that the Peon coud not return which is the Reason that its not dispatchd till now.

I am
&CA.

No. 176

TO THE HONBLE. EDWD. HARRISON ESQR.
PRESIDT. & GOVR. OF FORT ST. GEORGE &CA. COUNCILL.

HONBLE. SR. &CA.

On the 4th. Instt. we dispatchd to Yr. Hon. &ca. Copys of our Genll. Books with Duplicates of other Papers to be sent to England by the Dartmouth a List of which we enclose not knowing but they may have miscarried by the Way for on Sunday Evening last there came a very suddain and strong fresh down both Painee & Trepopalore Rivers which Overflowd their Banks and filld the bounds with so much Water that we were in danger of loosing to of Our Out guards, and the block House before they Asswagd was the greatest part Washd away since when we hear that 8 or 10 Bodys are found Dead between this Place and Mootecopang which we hope maynt be the Persons, we dispatch with that Charge to Yr. Honr. &ca. what further Damage this Storm may have done up the Country We are not yett truely sensible of but hear by some Travellers who were so fortunate as to escape the Violence of it that abundance of Cattle are Perishd and some People carryed away by the Violence of it tho at the same time they give us this satisfactory Accot. that the Ground Inland [is] very well soakd with Water and that all Tanks are filld which if it be true we may reasonably hope that the ensueing Year will produce plenty of Grain.

The Weather now being Cleard up and the Winds presentg. fair for Fort St. George We have dispatchd to Your Honr. &ca. Sloop Ramah with 24 Bales amounting to Pagodas one thousand two hundred and Sixteen as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading enclosd which we hope will speedily arrive with You We would not Venture more on her thinking it necessary she shoud be Boyant at this Season of the Year.

There anchord in this Road the 5th. Inst. a Sloop belonging to the [. . .] from Topature Loaden with Oyle seed which we coud not sooner procure [. . .] of not being able till this day to send of any Chelli[nga].

This is all we have to Impart to Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. at present and Wishing Success to the Dartmouth are

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
OCTOBER THE 7TH. & 14TH. } 1712.
REC^{D}. D^{O}. THE 17 }

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.

Your most Obed^{t}. humble Servants
ROBERT RAWORTH.
RICHARD FARMER.
JOHN BERLU.
RICHARD HARRISON.
PHILLIP BAKER.
MATHEW WELD.
THO^{S}. WOODWARD.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.

The foregoing is what wrote Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. the 7th. [Instant R] Sloop Rama which Vessell by the 8th. gott as farr as Mar[. . . .] there mett with so strong N^{o}. E^{t}. Winds that the Tandell was forced [to] Anchor and rode there till the 12th. in the Evening at which time finding the Weather encrease he weighd and stoop for this Road where he arrivd Yesterday and we have safely receivd ashore all the Bales putt on board her Acco^{t}. the R. H. C.

On the 11th. Instant Sloop Mary imported here with a Letter from M^{r}. Secretary Mason of the 5th. Instant, We have rec^{d}. the Broad Cloth and Stores which You were pleasd to load on [her for] the Use of this Settlement and return Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. their [. . . .] Generous a supply in the Expence of which we shall [. . . .] Possible frugallity, the Mast^{r}. of the Vessell tells us he [. . . .] Violent Storm in Madrass Road at which time there [. . . .] and drove ashore sev^{ll}. ships and Barks which we are [. . . .] concernd at but at the same time must express our [. . . .] for the safety of the Dartmouth and the Wonderfull Escape Cap^{t}. Martin had from the French.

On the 12th. We discernd a ship in the Offin which Our People at first thought to have another in Tow but upon the Weathers clearing up and a nearer approach they soon found their Errour she continued in Sight to the Eastward till Yesterday Noon and then disappeard but early this Morning she was at Anchor within a Legue of our Road and about 7 a Clock Weighd and Stood into it when Just as We imagind they were dropping Anchor Tackd and Stood of to Sea again shewing a Jentue Ensign but no Jack and her main top mast struck she appears to be about 400 Tons and those who pretend to be Judges of the make of ships say that she's not unlike a Dutch Flagg boat but before this Letter is closd We hope to give You a certain Acco^{t}. what she is having sent of a Boat to enquire which we beleive will reach her.

Yesterday Noon there passd by a Ship belonging to Agamudee Mercawn and bound to Porto Novo from which we rec^{d}. advice that two french ships and a sloop had been seen Cruising of Polliacatt a fortnight ago from whence they putt to sea and he likewise advisd us that he saw a sloop Cruizing of Cunimeere which by the best observations he coud make was the same which the ships beforementiond had in Company when they were seen to the N^{o}. ward. We sincerely wish they may be frustrated in their designs and that all our Mast^{rs}. Ships in Particular the Dartmouth may meet with as good Escapes when they are in Danger as Cap^{t}. Martin did.

We desire you will be pleasd to send us by the first Opportunity the Quantity of Ropes, Twine, and Gunnys, as mentiond in the List Last sent you as likewise two Candy of Wax Our Store being Quite Exhausted.

We haye nothing more to Import to Y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. at present but to Repeat Our assurances of being

FORT S^T^. DAVID } 1712.
OCTOBER THE 14^TH^. }

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &[C^A^.]
Your most Obed^t^. [humble Servants]
R[OB^T^. RAWORTH].
R[ICH^D^. FARMER].
JOHN [BERLU.].
RICH[^D^. HARRISON].
PHILIP [BAKER].
MATH: [WELD].
THOMAS [WOODARD].

No. 177.

TO THE HON^BLE^. EDW^D^. HARRISON ESQ^R^.
PRESID^T^. AND GOV^R^. OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE &C^A^. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

My Letters from hence of the 10^th^. Instant [...] I was forced to Quitt Riaperose Country and come [...] Protection where we have found extraordinary kindness [...] —goraz.

The 25^th^. Ins^t^. Ship Monchu from Vizagapatam [...] Anchor in this Road and a few hours after W [...] giving us no Opportunity of Sending Our [...] staying for an Answer.

Since we left Savere being the [...] had the least Advices from Vizagapatam [...] clude that Our Tappys are not only [s...] way over Rogamandrum Riverr but [...].

Our Merchants have been Endea[vouring ...] that lye about Ingerom hither by Wa [...] out of Ingerom being a branch of it [...]on is [...] and has gott most of his Boats about Ingerom and carry [...] thither he has lately sent for Narrapelle Dawlo and [...] discourse about Us Dawlo as he writes me spoke a [...] coud in our behalf there is a Faction amongst [...] Peddeporum Riaperose being Out of Pollicy [...] Uncle who has a Powerfull Party on his [...] by his Last Agreement with Habbid Cawn [...] Pagodas which he has not yett done.

A Considerable Number of [...] Horse are passing through this [...] Berlu Cawn has lately Joind him [...].

We shall have thirty Odd Bales ready to Morrow and in a few days more as Our Merchants Promises but the Season grows late and no Vessell appears to carry em to Madrass.

[MADD]APOLLAM.

HON^D^. S^R^. &C^A^.

[SEPTE]MBER THE 28 } 1712.
[RECEIVD] OCTOB^R^. Y^E^. 18 }

Your most Obed^t^. Servant
THOMAS FAUCETT.

No. 178.

[TO THE HON^BLE^.] EDW^D^. HARRISON ESQ^R^.
[PRESID^T^. &] GOV^R^. OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

On the 13^th^. Instant Sloop Ramah return^s^. [...] this Riverr without having reachd Fort S^t^. George we [therewith] dispatchd to Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. the Letter designd by her [with an] an Additionall one giving Account of Occurrences to that [...] and on the 14^th^. in the Evening M^r^. Raworth Troubled Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. with a short Letter from himself to cover a Note w^c^. Our Catamaran brought ashore from the

Ship which we supposd to be a french Cruiser who continued in Sight most part of the Day following but since we have heard nothing of her or any other Vessell so we hope ther's no Danger of the Dartmouths falling into the hands of the Enemy.

We have not been favourd with any from You since [We are] in daily expectation of one that we may finally conclude [a con]tract with our Merchants and proceed Vigorously towards [making] Provision for the Tonnage Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. may think [convenie]nt to dispatch for Europe in January.

M^r^. John Barrow has Conformable to Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. Order been Confind to the Fort for one Month [during] which time he has been closely kept to Writing in the Secretary's office and seems to take delight in the business so that [we hope] notwithstanding the late indiscreet Action he was guilty of, he may Retreive Your favour by his future good deportment we request Your Hon^r^. &c^as^. orders how You will be pleasd to have [him] disposd of hereafter.

The Country all round about us is very quiett [&] every body (by the vast quantity of water that has come down the Hills) in expectation of a very Plentyfull Year which we wish they maynt be disappointed in having so very lately [feared] the great Troubles that attend the scarcity of Grain.

No Vessell of greater Consequence than a Parr ha[s passed] by this Port since Our last so that we have nothing more to [acquaint] Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. with at present than to Subscribe Our Selves.

FORT S^T^. DAVID
OCTOBER THE 21^ST^. } 1712.
RECEIVD D^O^. 24. }

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.
Your most Obedient humble Servants
ROBERT RAWORTH.
RICHARD [FARMER].
JOHN B[ERLU].
RICHARD [HARRISON].
PHILLIP [BAKER].
MATHEW [WELD].
THOMAS [WOODARD].

No. 179.

TO THE HON^BLE^. EDW^D^. HARRISON ESQ^R^.
[PRESID^T^. & GOV^R^. OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE &C^A^. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

On the first of this Month Arrivd in this Road Suñ Brigantine Moses Wilkens Master from York Fort [...] took Passage M^r^. Stephen Bailhon with a Power from the [Worsh^ll^. John] Hunter Dep^ty^. Gov^r^. &c^a^. Councill of York Fort to be Cheif of [these] Settlements and a Protest against M^r^. Matthew Saunders [for the] ill Managem^t^. during his Cheifship in all the Comp[anys] Generall but more particularly in aggravating the distractions these Settlements have unhappily labourd under for above these Tenn Months and which have been so Chargeable and Expensive to Our Right Hon^ble^. Masters, Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. may more fully perceive by the Coppy of said Protest herewith sent the Reasons that induced the Gentlemen of York Fort to Suspend him from the R^t^. Hon^ble^. Comp^as^. Service till Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. are Pleasd otherwise to order.

The Country Governm^t^. here is still in a great Confusion but hope since the Cheifs Arrivall (he having a great influence over the Natives) and will be settled in a short time to the Generall Satisfaction of the Partys concernd.

M^r^. Matthew Saunders not having during his Cheifship duely admitted Coppys of his Accounts of this Place to York Fort to be from thence sent to Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. by the severall conveyances that have offerd hope that Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. will not impute the fault to Us but assure Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. we will Use Our Utmost Endeavours to have Copys ready to be sent by the next Conveyance that Offers and we will

constantly remitt Coppys of all our Monthly Accots. to York Fort as requird what Accounts the Cheif found at his Arrivall ready Coppied We send to Your Honr. &ca. ℔ this Vessell.

Pepper begins to come in which shall not want a due encouragemt. nor any thing else that may be for the Encouragement of our Honble. Masters Whilst under our Managemt. at this Place and hope we shall fully acquitt Ourselves of the trust lodged in Us and approve Our Selves faithfull servants to the Honble. Company, We had not to add but wish the Rt. Honble. Companys Affaires may be prosperous in all their Settlements but more particularly under Your Honr. &cas. Direction and management and humbly remain.

[B]ENTALL FACTORY
JUNE THE 3D.
RECD. OCTOBR. 25 } 1712.

HONBLE. SR. &cA.
Your most Obedt. humble. Servts.
STEPHEN BAILHON.
BALTHAZOR NETTZER.
WILLIAM FOX.

No. 180.

TO THE WORSPLL. JOHN DANIELL ESQR.
DEPTY. GOVR. OF YORK FORT &cA. COUNCILL.

WORSPLL. SRS.

We find our selves Oblidgd (not having any other means to save the Rt. Honble. Et. India Compas. Tea from Perishing [in] Port of Batavia) to consign it by Mr. Henry White Factor on the Compas. Sloop to Bencoolen to be there disposd of by Your W[orship] for the best of Our Masters Intrest which will be as we think in the most expeditious Way of dispatching it to England d[...] Way of Madrass, The Invoice of the said Tea comes included a [...] from Mr. Henry White for 400 Spanish Dollers which he has [...] Us to buy a Vessell which he tells us is absolutely wanting at [...] also may be of Use to Transport such Stores as by reason of the Tea cant be carryed on board Your Sloop. The matter is of im[portance] to Our Masters. The Coppys of what has been wrote in this [...] to the Honble. Govr. of Madrass who no doubt will Prove of Yr. [Careful] Diligence. Wee are

BATAVIA
FEBRUARY THE 24TH. 1711/12.
RECD. OCTOBER THE 25: 1712.

SRS.
Yr. very humble Ser[vts.]

CHARLES DOUG[LASS]
HENRY SHIP[...]
RICHARD H[...]

No. 181.

TO THE HONBLE. EDWD. HARRISON ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVR. OF FORT SR. GEORG

HONBLE. SR. &cA.

Early this Morning arrivd here Capt. [...] the Industry who has been taken by the French, and [...] again he says that there are 2 Frigotts of 60 Gunns and [...] and the Sherebone taken of Cape Bon Esperance an [...] made a running fight with

them 4 Days and at la [...] they suppose her to be the Marlbrô for they• counted as farr as Cap^{t}. Rigby coud understand they are to sail the 28th. of this Instant, he says there's another Squadron of French ships Out but where he cant tell I am with due respect to Y^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}.

BALLASORE
[SEP]TEMBER THE 12TH. } 1712.
[REC^{D}.] OCTOBER THE 25.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.
Your most Obed^{t}. hum^{ble}. Ser^{vts}. [*sic*].

THOMAS PHILLIPS.

No. 182.

TO THE HON^{BLE}. EDW^{D}. HARRISON ESQ^{R}.
PRESID^{T}. & GOV^{R}. OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE [&C^{A}.] COUNCILL.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.

I have receivd a Packett from the Rising Sunñ Brigantine directed to Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. Councill which I have now forwarded.

We have as yett no more Advices about the French Ships but doe expect some daily which when receivd I shall take particular care to communicate to Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. I have nothing more to add but my due Respects to Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. & am

BALLASORE
SEPTEMBER THE 10TH. } 1712.
[REC^{D}.] OCTOBER THE 25

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.
Your most Obed^{t}. hum^{ble}. Serv^{t}.

THOMAS PHILLIPS.

No. 183.

TO THE HON^{BLE}. EDWARD HARRISON ESQ^{R}.
PRESID^{T}. & GOV^{R}. OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE [&C^{A}.] COUNCILL.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.

Last Night arrivd here a Parr from Mahmud Bunder who advises of 3 French Ships lying of the Black Pagoda with whom they fell in they sent on board this Parr 15 Men and examind strictly concerning Money they say that while they were with these Ships they see another which appeard very Large at Sea, they immediately lett the Parr goe and made sail towards the other Ship they see the ships very near one to the other and heard Gunns fire all Day and Night, they can give no Account [...] Dutch or English nor what was the Event.

M^{r}. Richard Acton departd this Life the 2^{d}. [...] These Ships took a Moors Vessell and Out of her two [...] of M^{r}. Hastings and 2 pieces of Mullmulls of M^{r}. Deans [...] offering at Present I humbly subscribe,

BALLASORE
SEPTEMBER THE 8TH. } 1712.
R. OCTOBER THE 25

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &[C^{A}.]
Your most Obed^{t}. [humble Serv^{t}.]

THO^{S}. PHILLIPS.

No. 184.

TO THE HON^{BLE}. EDW^{D}. HARRISON ESQ^{R}.
PRESID^{T}. & GOV^{R}. OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE &C^{A}. COUNCILL.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.

We wrote Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. the 21st, since which [have] been hon^{d}. with the receipt of Yours of the 18th. Instant.

We are glad to hear the Dartmouth is saild for Europe with Cargoe and very sincerely wish her a safe arrivall there without any of the Enemies ships in her

Passage and notwithstanding Cap[...] an Empty Ship and none of Our Hon^ble^. Employers yett we shall [...] to hear of his safe arrivall into Madrass Road without having a Skirmish a Second time with the same Vessells he mett of Point[...].

We have concluded the Contract with Our Merchants for the Callicoes mentiond in the List sent Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. on the 5^th^. Instant is to be brought in by the 10^th^. of January and the Residue by the [...] Month ensueing with which we hope they'll Punctually com[e, we] assure Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. Our Utmost Industry shall be us'd to [...] it tho they still make heavy Complaints of the lateness of the se[...up] braid us very openly in Consultation for having refusd to [s...] which we had Put the Hon^ble^. Comp^as^. Seal and Our hands [...] probably may be termd Impudence in Fort S^t^. George. Persons who behave themselves so Punishd for it without drawing any inconveniency on the Companys Affairs because the Place is very Populous and in Case of One Mans failure the Defect may easily be remedied by Anothers being Put in his Room but the Cause is quite different with us here for wee are not only thin of Inhabitants in Generall but Particularly those which are Rich and shoud these Men who have now undertaken the Investment fancy themselves ill treated and leave the bounds we shoud not tell how to recall em or gett others who woud as Effectually doe the business which Induces us to Care what we doe from em but We are much concernd that Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. should think we are so Pusillanimous as to take an Affront or such Trytors to Ourselves as to tell any Person w^t^.ever in what Language they shall abuse Us but in obedience to Your Commands We will say no more on this Subject and only apply our thoughts towards getting in what Goods we can for the January shipping and hope that Our Hon^ble^. Employers wont hereafter think that we have taken more than Our due Proportions of their List and that the Merchants by bringing in better Goods than Usuall will merritt Your Hon^r^. &c^as^. future good Opinion which they Particularly Promise to doe in their Beetelaes tho We cant but observe in the Conclusion of the Remarks on our Goods from Europe its expressd that those sent from hence that Year exceed much Yours in Goodness.

We are very glad that the Ship we saw of this Port & suspected to be an Enemy proves no other than a small ship which was drove to sea in the Late storm. Our ablest Seamen told Us she was certainly what we Represented her to Y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. and they likewise told us before & Confirm it since that the Violence of the storm was between West & N^o^. west which Opinion (tho no Seamen) We are likewise of because there were three Parrs with Sloops Ramah and S^t^. David who rode it Out in Our Road and we think it coud hardly have been possible for em to doe so had such Violent Gusts came from the Sea which must certainly have made it very rough and either founderd or drove them from their Anchors.

Its very satisfactory to Us that Our Generall Books arrivd in Season and we mentiond another Coppy of em not knowing but it may be Your Hon^r^. &c^as^. Pleasure to send one to England in January for fear of the others Miscarriage and those we first sent we think must be kept in Your Accomp^ts^. Office but we shall forbear setting anybody to Work on that business till you demand another duplicate from Us.

Rupees bare no Price at all at this Place in comparison to what they doe at Fort S^t^. George wherefore we hope Youll be pleasd to order M^r^. Barrows up there.

Pursuant to Your directions We shall give [...] dispose of the Broad Cloth You mention You sent [em] Rates for fear of Prejudicing the sale of what came [in] fear theyll be impudent enough to tell us in return [...] and they may dispose of it at what Rates they please [...] by any of us to say so.

The Coppys of Our Paymast^rs^. [Account] Cash shall be sent Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. on Monday next in [...] must acquaint You that thô the Ballance of our [Cash...] yett it will all be exhausted by that time and before [...] We shall be indebted to Our Merchants near as much [money...] hope Youll be pleasd to send us a speedy supply for on [...] the Success of Our Investment.

We are very sorry Your Hon^r^. &c^a^ shoud bele[ive...] ungratefull dispositions as to discard an old and faithfull [...] service after having lost his health and Limbs in the [service of] Y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. we never will doe You may remember that [re-]

trenching the Expences of the Garrison You were advis'd [...] Severall People from the Service who had renderd themselves [incapable] of doeing their Duty by meer debauchery amongst which [...] Cornelison who in the miserable Condition he is was during [the] Course of the Warr sotting in a Punch house and not cont[ent with] inticing other Usefull men to accompany him besides w[...] Man who to the great discreditt of the Hon^ble^. Company to [...] And severall other Soldiers left the Garrison because they [...] Paid whereas he has for these 6 Years past rec^d^. Europe [...] without doeing much more than 24 hours Duty.

We wish Sunca Rama Success in his Undertaking ag^st^. Kir[...] associates for we fear he may be able to draw more to him ha[ving been] informed gott 4 from Y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. and Our People here have [...] Notion that he's made a Capt. of horse and the rest [advised as] equivolent with Lieutenant & Ensigns.

We have no further News to acquaint Y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. of [than subscribe].

FORT S^T^. DAVID
OCTOBER THE 25^TH^. } 1712.
RECEIVD D^O^. THE 28 }

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.
Your most Obed^t^. [humble] Serv^ts^.
ROB[^T^. RAWORTH.]
RICHARD [FARMER.]
RICHA[RD HARRISON.]
PHILIP [BAKER.]
MATT: [WELD.]
THOM[^S^. WOODWARD.]

No. 185

[TO THE HON^BLE^.] EDW^D^. HARRISON ESQ^R^.
[PRESID^T^. &] GOV^R^. OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE &C^A^. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

According to Our Promise on the 25^th^. Instant We now send You the Coppy of Our Paymast^rs^. Accounts and last Months Cash whereby Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. will see what we have remaining which the very next Consultation must be paid Our Merchants, so we once more request of Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. a speedy supply that they may have no reason to Excuse themselves in case they dont comply with their Contract and they assure us that if we pay 'em for their Cloth as they deliver it to be Washd they dont doubt Answering Our Expectation in all Respects.

In the mean time we have Venturd to receive of Comrapa Chitty and Shadashaverow the sum̃ of 5000 Pagodas for which we have given them a Bill on Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. payable at 5 days sight to Gandawoode Vincatte Ramah and Chinnee Vinkatash with which we request Your Punctuall Compliance.

Yesterday imported Boat Woosapuna by which we receivd the Packing stuff and Wax Your Hon^r^. &^a^. was pleasd to send us the Letter of which Our Warehousekeep^r^. informs us upon weighing it after Landing wants one Maund five Pounds.

We have nothing more to Trouble You with at Present but to Subscribe Our Selves.

FORT S^T^. DAVID
[OCTOBER THE] 27^TH^. } 1712
[REC^D^. D^O^.] 30 }

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.
Your most Obed^t^. humble Serv^ts^.
ROBERT RAWORTH.
RICHARD FARMER.
JOHN BERLU.
RICHARD HARRISON.
PHILLIP BAKER.
MATHEW WELD.
THOMAS WOODWARD.

No. 186

To the Honble. Edward Harrison Esqr.
President. & Govr. of Fort St. George &ca. Council.

Honble. Sr. &ca.

Our last was on the 25th. Ultº. since when [we have been] with none from You nor has there anything Ex[traordinary happened] here Notwithstanding we think Our Selves Oblig'd [to write that]every thing about Us remains Quiett and in good [order].

We have drawn a Bill upon Yr. Honr. [...] Date payable to Thomas Frederick Esqr. for the like [...] Cash on his Account from the Deptv. Governr. here [with which we request] Your Complyance and as we find opportunitys [...] We shall embrace em for Our Merchants are in [...] having in the bounds 40000 Pagodas worth of [...] comes in from the Country but we shant trouble [...] more requests on that score being very sensible [...] want when its possible for You to Supply A [...]

Enclosd is the Coppy of Our Account Cash [...] all we have to trouble You with at Present more [. . .] to Your private and Publick Undertakings and to [. . .].

Fort St. David
Novr. the 2d. } 1712.
Recd. dº. the 7 }

Honble. Sr. &ca.
Your most Ob[edient] humble Ser[vts].
Robert R[aworth.]
Richard [Farmer.]
John [Berlu.]
Richard [Harrison.]
Phillip [Baker.]
Matth[ew Weld.]
Thos. [Woodward.]

No. 187

[To the Honble.] Edward Harrison Esqr.
[Presidt. &] Governr. of Fort St. George [&ca. Council].

Honble. Sr. &ca.

Your Honr. and Councills Letter of the 5th. of last Aprill arrivd the 16th. June, we return You thanks for the News that was in it.

You have been informd of the endeavours we have usd to gett satisfaction from Abdull Gaffer for the mony that was forcably [*sic*] taken from the Old Company and given him but not being able to obtain it hitherto the Genll. and Councill of Bombay have been Obligd to take other measures and have stopd 2 of his ships that lost their Passages to [Moco] and Malacca and put in there to Winter and have sent out [the] Montague, Heathcott and Lichfield to Cruise between the high land [&] St. John and Dieu head with orders to intercept all the ships they [meet] with all belonging to him and to carry them to Bombay but a rich ship of his from Juddah with upwards of 400000 Rupees in Treasure arrivd here the 8th. of last Month before they began their Cruize what Effect this will have we cant tell the Governr. having taken no notice of it to Us nor we to him being turnd Out a thing very frequent of late here for when the New one arrives We shall have had 4 within these 12 Months who is expected in a Day or two but as we design not to Molest the Port nor take any of the other Merchants ships if the Govr. will doe us Justice as Enanmutt Cawn did the Dutch and Our case being exactly the same that theres [*sic*] was we are in hopes we shall soon come to an Accomodation and that in the Mean time Our Trade will goe on at Present making no other Demands but on him and we beleive the rest of the Merchants Will forward it for fear we shoud stop their Trade too for we have told them that is the only way to preserve it.

The Dutch We hear are coming from Court and are expected here before Christmas. We dont hear they have had granted them any more Priviledges than they had before they went thither but have been Possitively denied leave to build a Factory at Roan about [*lacuna*] Miles below.

SURATT
SEPTEMBER THE 5TH. } 1712
RECD. NOVEMBR. 11 }

HONBLE. SR. &CA.
Your most [obedt. & humble. Servts.]
[B. WYCHE.]
[THOS. WILSHERE.]

No. 188

TO THE HONBLE. EDWARD HARRISON ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVR. OF FORT ST. GEORGE &CA. COUNCILL.

HONBLE. SR. &CA.

Our last to Yr. Honr. &ca. was of the 31st. [ultO. ℔] Russell Gally and Chinapatam Copy wereof comes [enclosed] we gave the Needfull Answers to all Yours since which [...] none from You We then Acquainted Yr. Honr. &ca. that [...] of three french Ships being off Point Palmiras and [& we] had taken to prevent Our Honble. Mastrs. Shipping [from falling] their Hands since which we have had a further Con[...] being there by an Armenian ship belonging to Coja[...] Vizagapatam whom (as the Noquedah Cojah Keven an [... be] longing to Mr. Hastings say) they took and lett no [...] taking severall Packetts and some Mony belonging to [...] they report them to be two large Ships of 50 Gunns eac[h...] and a little English ship taken going into the Cape of [...].

Not hearing of Our Expecting Shipps. from Your [Honr. &ca.] the News of the Enemy being on this Coast has reachd [...] detaind them with You.

As for the Governmt. it continues as when [...] and is likely to doe so till the Rains are over.

Zoody Cawn is hard prest on all sides the Duan [...] Reinforcements to the Govr. of Hughly, whose A [...]en but Zoody Cawn has intrenchd himself so well that he has repulsed them in severall attacks made on him wth. great Success killing a great many of them but tis beleivd he cant be able to hold out Long, Wee are

[FORT WILLIAM]
[SEPR.] THE 15TH. } 1712.
[RECD. NOVR.] THE 12 }

HONBLE. SR. &CA.
Your humble Servants
JOHN RUSSELL.
ROBERT HEDGES.
ABRAAM ADDAMS.
SAMUEL FEAKE.
J. WILLIAMSON.
EDWARD PAGE.
SAMUEL BROWNE.

No. 189

[TO THE] HONBLE. EDWARD HARRISON ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNR. OF FORT ST. GEORGE [&CA.] COUNCILL.

HONBLE. SR. &CA.

Accompanying this comes a Packett from the Honble. Councill at Bengall which I have forward with all Expedition.

I Dont Question but Your Hon^r. &c^a. have receivd Advices from Ganjam long ere this of the Departure of the French Ships off the Coast, therefore think it Superfluous to repeat it again.

I am with all due Respects

BALLASORE
[SEP^R.] THE 26^TH. } 1712.
[REC^D. NOV^R.] THE 12 }

HON^BLE. S^R. &C^A.
Your most hum^ble. Serv^t.
THOMAS PHILLIPS.

N^o. 190

TO THE HON^BLE. EDWARD HARRISON ESQ^R.
PRESID^T. & GOV^R. OF FORT S^T. GEORGE &C^A. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE. S^R. &C^A.

Our last was the 16^th. Ult^o. by the Monch[u acknowledging the] receipt of Yours of the 5^th. by Ship Charlton since w[hich . .] most earnestly expecting some good News of the [. . .] hence last Month Particularly those with Our R^t. [. . .] but by M^r. ffaucetts letter of the 30^th. from Madapollam [. . .] not arrivd must Condole the Misfortune of her Over [. . .] and the Monchu that was orderd to call there Par[ticularly] coud not with safety stay to take in those Bales wh[. . .] a great disappointment towards the Dispatch of the [. . .] &c^a. designd for England this Month.

The great Rains that have falle[n] with very [. . .] for these 20 days past have been so great a hindrance [to] People that Our Tappys have been from 13 to 15 d[ays. . .] and from 9 to 12 from Ganjam but the weather [. . .] sett in fair We please Ourselves with speedy advi[. . .] Ships aforementiond are arrivd and also that the [. . .] to Your Port after her Engagement with the French.

We shall amend whatever is amiss in Our [Government &] study all ways and means to retrench Expences [. . .] occasioned what extraordinary in those Books being ove[. . .] find any Prejudice or Stop to Our Trade from Nabob [. . .] orders to the Rajahs particularly to Anunturaz wh[. . .] all occasions for which reason he and some other Raj[ah . . .] Hastings have been presented to the amount of 170 [. . .] hope You will approve of as absolutely necessary to [. . .] Friendship and the Coming in of Our Goods for the D[. . .].

The Troubles at Ingerom are over and since [. . .] since M^r. ffaucett has lost the opportunity of sending [. . .] from Madapollam we expect he's on return to secure [. . .] the Merchants and Proceed in forwarding the Investment [. . .] are under no apprehensions on that account.

After all manner of Enquiry We find the Country [. . .] dress Suratt Cotton so as to make it servicable for [. . .] manufacture and the Merch^ts. assure us that the quantitys lately disposd of are made into Clouts and other Course Cloths and by the Natives which is a great shift they are putt to by the Totall Loss of the Country Cotton.

We shall observe Your Orders about M^r. Holcombs Gardens and improve them the best We can for the Comp^as. advantage.

As for Izzares and Percullaes We dont as yett stand obligd for any and if they cant be procurd to Y^r. satisfaction shall lett them alone.

Charges of Packing stuff for Beetelaes is Pag^s. 1. 19 fanams ℔ Bale for Long Cloth and Sallempores White Pag^s. 1. 1 and brown 21. 4 which is the reale Cost of the stuff and what more Chargd in Invoice is Packers, Godown Peons Duty fellows &c^as. Wages which we compute with the Packing stuff to be near 2 Pag^s. for Beteelaes and 1 Pagoda Course Goods white and 27 fanams Brown D^o. ℔ Bale which acco^t. may plainly appear in the head of Charges Merchandize in the Gen^ll. Books We shall be very carefull to prevent these abuses which have been lately discoverd in Your Warehouse and to send Our Bales better packd than formerly.

fa. ca.

We have rec^{d}. the Treasure and Stores according to Invoice and return Our most humble thanks for the Factors Provisions.

We shall observe with great Caution w^{t}. You forbid relating to Trade or any Dealings with Moormen in Governm^{t}. and shall take care to have the Madapollam Yatch fitted ready for Your further orders which with Bengall Letters that came last Night to hand and Our Constant respects is the needfull from

VIZAGAPATAM
OCTOBER THE 17TH. } 1712.
REC^{D}. NOV^{R}. THE 12 }

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.
Your most Obedient humble Servants
FRANCIS HASTINGS.
ROBERT CRANWELL.

No. 190. [*sic*]

TO THE HON^{BLE}. EDW^{D}. HARRISON ESQ^{R}.
PRESID^{T}. & GOV^{R}. OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE &C^{A}. COUNCILL.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.

Ship Jane I understand is safe Arrived [with you] I had 3 People Watching Nigh the Barr of Ingerom R [. . .] Persuasions they coud use coud not gett a Catamaran [. . .] Wind blew fresh from the Shore when the ship came to [. . . fird Gunns and with all the Water Running Out with [. . .] Swiftness as Usuall in November made it very [. . .] to live.

The Comp^{a}. Goods that are Embald here are 25 [Bales of] Sallampores and L. Cloth and 7 Bales of fine L. Cloth [. . .] Percullaes Amo^{t}. to 2013 Pag^{s}. besides cloth the Merch[ants brought] Amo^{t}. to 8 Bales more of fine Goods which lie ready in [the godowne] to be sorted these Goods (if the Nabob makes no disturb[ance] and he being about agreeing) will be Washed and put on [board] Rangoraz Ships bound in November to Madrass with G[. . .].

The Remaind^{r}. of Cloth for which Our Merchants [had] Money advanced is about 2320 Pag^{s}. which Cloth lies a [. . .] near Ingeram As yesterdays Letters from thence [mentioning] in ordinary Long Cloth Sallempores and Sailcloth exces[. . .] in fine Long Cloth and Sallampores.

Our Brampore People write that there Goods [. . .] forwardness according to their Agreement and desires [. . .] having had only 300 Pag^{s}. advanced.

Besides the Comp^{a}. Cloth that lies ready [.....] the Weavers have made of their Own in hopes to [. . .] in Ord^{r}. L. Cloth Sallempores and fine Goods to the Amo^{t}. of [. . .] Letters from thence and the Island Tottapack doe Aff[irm].

Our Washermen ruñ away with the Musters of [. . .] at the time the Moors enterd upon Ingerom Island after [. . .] sent to Vizagapatam but Question whether they gott [. . .] to be sent ℔ the Ships there Weavers desires very much to [. . .] Work being able to make to the amo^{t}. of 10000 Pag^{s}. by the [. . .] in a Years time as they saw Our Merch^{ts}. Prizes are [. . .] each sort & 40 ℔ Corge each sort of Romalls.

I wait the Nabobs Motion as soon as he [. . Raja] mandrum most of his forces are already come on this Side then hope to have an Opportunity of returning to Ingerom were I wish we had a small Vessell with half a Doz^{n}. Portugueze Soldiers that we might doe Our business with safety for since tho Ingeram Raja has left that Place ther's no security, he keeps a Peon, I sent to him about returning and will not send for me till the Nabob passes the River Riaperose has cleard all accounts and Demands with Habid Cawne.

Passengers say that the French ships that lie betwixt Ganjam and Point Palmiras have taken one Ship and burnt another, another sunk that severall White Men are come ashore Dead and a Chest with 2000 Pag^{s}. in it besides Roupees that ship Marlbro Cap^{t}. Martin after a brave defence gott Clear &c^{a}.

I had not been so long in writing to Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. had I not been Prevented by a Severe fever that consumd me to great Weakness.

[MADA]POLLAM
[OCTO^{R}.] THE 26TH.
[REC^{D}. NOV^{R}. THE] 12 } 1712.

HON^{D}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.
Your most Obedient Servant
THOMAS FAUCETT.

P.S.

Since I was at Gutten Due Our Merch^{ts}. have [brou]ght in their Cloth full Lengths and Breadths.

T.FF.

No. 191

[TO THE] HON^{BLE}. EDW^{D}. HARRISON ESQ^{R}.
[PRESID^{T}.] & GOV^{R}. OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE [&C^{A}. COUN]CILL.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.

On the 11th. Ins^{t}. We receivd a Letter from M^{r}. Secretary Mason by 10 Peons on a Mousula who with it deliverd us the Sum mentiond therein for which we return Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. thanks and forthwith distributed it amongst Our Merch^{ts}. who are in extream forwardness and we dont doubt will comply with their Contract in due Season.

On the 13th. We rec^{d}. Yours of the 8th. which shall be duely observd in all Particulars and the Councill for themselves doe assure Y^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. that they never will implicitely [...] will the Penman write any thing but what [...] Hon^{ble}. Company.

The old Sett of Joint Stock Mer[chants com]pleated their Contract and will finish it the next f[...] always intended their Accounts shall be stated a Pan [...]

M^{r}. John Berlu Attorny of M^{r}. Benjam^{n}. H[obbs...] that the said Hobbs had paid M^{r}. William Martin f[...] his Debt to the Warehouse, We reimburst to him [...] likewise paid it on his Account into the Hon^{ble}. Comp^{s}. [Cash.]

We will send Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. in few Days a ful[...] dings in order to recover the Renters Debt which we [...] satisfactory.

We beleive we can dispose of M^{r}. John B[...] 336 for 100 Pagodas which when we have done We [...] Comp^{as}. Cash for the amount and advise Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. of [...]

We desire Y^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. will be pleasd to lett us [know...] here must pay for the broad Cloth their Coats are made [...] upon Invoice or have it at the first Cost in England [...] of that Comodity in Our Godowns or ever had since M[...] here than what was Sufficient for that Use and a[...] for Presents.

M^{r}. Thomas Woodward having aced[...] given his Attendance in the Godown to Improve his I[...] Callicoes beleives himself Quallified to Sort which of [...] of likewise and desire therefore that Y^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. will [be ...] him to act as a sorter.

Enclosd We send Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. A[...] wanting in this Garrison which we desire your [Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. to] send us by the first opportunity that Presents.

There imported here from [...] a Boat Loaden with Grain and yester[day ...] arrivd a ship at Porto Novo from the sa[...] bring Us any News which is all w[...] more than to wish success to Your Undertakings both Publick and Private and to Assure You Our Utmost endeavours [shall] not be wanting to approve Our selves.

[Fort S^{t}. David]
[Nov^{R}.] the 15th. } 1712
[Rec^{D}.] the 23 }

Hon^{ble}. S^{R}. &c^{A}.
Your most Obed^{t}. hum^{ble}. Serv^{ts}.
Robert Raworth.
John Berlu.
Richard Harrison.
Phillip Baker.
Matthew Weld.
Thomas Woodward.

No. 192

[To the] Hon^{ble}. Edw^{D}. Harrison Esq^{R}.
[Presid^{t}. &] Gov^{R}. of Fort S^{t}. George [&c^{A}. Coun]cill.

Gentlemen

We cannot doubt but this News of Our safety will be very wellcome which with the foliowing advices we have receivd from Bengall are the reasons We have put the Company to the Extraordinary Expence of this Vessell.

On the 4th. Ins^{t}. Arrivd here a sloop from Bengall M^{r}. Hibbs Master who gave us the following Account that but few days before his departure thence they receivd Certain Advices of 3 French Ships Cruizing of Point Palmiras but coud give no Account whence they came or wither bound they not having any Notice of their Touching at Pondicherry so tis Supposd they are directly from Europe and (by Reason of the good Correspondence between Pondicherry and Madrass) are resolvd to make their Cruize (as they have formerly given Out they woud) before they touch there, the Gen^{ll}. Opinion and Our own apprehensions of the said Ships [co]ming to Cruize in these Streights has made Us (in regard to the [Comp^{as}.] Estate on board the Howland) resolve to stay here for, and proceed [with] the Dutch Fleet thats now daily expected here bound for the Coast [...] &c^{a}. and will depart in few days after their Arrivall [...] Resolution (before this unexpected News) was to depart the 10th. Instant and from the Opinion of all [...] will be able to proceed hence by the last of this [...] being but little and the Consequence of a Miscarr[iage...] doubt but Our conduct in this affair will meet with [...] Employers Approbation.

As to what Relates to the [loss] of [...] referr You to M^{r}. John Hutton Mast^{r}. of the Sloop whi[ch ...] hird we were forced to buy on the Companys Account [...] signd to You on the Acco^{t}. and Risque of the said Company. On the sloop goes 4 of the Howlands People for whom [...] till Our arrivall Cap^{t}. Cook died the 16th. Ult^{o}. who might [...] die) that the Ship might be sent home this Sea[son...] staying in India expiring the last of January ne[...] was a great Motive to this Express. Enclosd is an a[ccount of] Cargoe on board the Howland wishing that Success [...] in all Your Affaires Wee are

Mallacca
October the 22^{D}. } 1712.
Rec^{D} Nov^{R} the 23 }

Gentlemen
Your most Obedient [& humble] Servants
Joseph [...].
John Hors[...]

No. 193

To the Hon^ble. Edward Harrison Esq^r.
President & Gov^r. of Fort S^t. George &c^a. Councill.

Hon^ble. S^r. &c^a.

My last bore date the 25^th. October, not any [...] in Government Habid Cawn having sent his Army [...] after them he came being bound to Madapollam having [...] Rangoroz to demand a Large Sum of him, Dutch [Cheif] waited on him gave him a Present which he Accepted of [...] Friends.

He sent 2 Horse 5 foot People to Pollicoll to dem[and] Present on advice from Pollicoll Metchlepatam Cheif sent [to] him.

The 3^d. Curr^t. M^r. ffaucett advisd me they might [...] Days at Madapollam which occasions his speedy remova[l ...] have receivd Orders from Negapatam to Contract with the Merch^ts. [...]e Pollicoll Dasheroon and Bimlepatam at Metchlepatam have orders [to] Invest 20000 Pag^s. 1000 Pieces Allejarrs 1000 p^s. Colloway poos 1000 p^s. [S]arsarguntes 1500 p^s. Romalls 500 p^s. Mutaphoon 1000 patch of Chints [500] Pallempores all of Cloth Percullaes for Chints.

The great Rains we have had in these Parts hath made a free Passage all over the House and Godown Tyles being broken Y^r. Hon^r. please to give leave to buy some New Tyles Serch and lay the Tyles, it will preserve the building Ropes of the Standard are broke and Rotten nothing to Support the Standard.

Ground Renters demand their Mony being due in January, they request Your Hon^r. give orders to pay when due.

The Governm^t. of Cundavere hath great difference amongs[t] the Jentue Rajahs. Dutch Tappies are very near killing if Letters come not to expectation Your Hon^r. please to consider.

The 9^th. Currant Habid Cawn sent a Chubdar and 2 Peons with his Letter to the Dutch Cheif of Metchlepatam requesting them to spare one of their Boats to Pullawar Riverr to transport his Familys & People that accompany them having returnd answer, Boats ready when he gives Order, I humbly Crave leave.

| Metch]lepatam
[Nov^r.] the 11^th.
[Rec^d.] the 23 } 1712.

Hon^ble. S^r. &c^a.
Your most Obed^t. Servant
Phillip Noden.

No. 194

[To the] Hon^ble. Edw^d. Harrison Esq^r.
[Presid^t.] & Gov^r. of Fort S^t. George [&c^a. Coun]cill.

Hon^ble. S^r. &c^a.

We wrote Your Hon^r. &c^a. on the 15^th. Instant since when we have been hon^d. with none from You nor has any thing of Import sufficient happend to put Us upon troubling You with another till Yesterday when what we long agoe expected came to pass and part of the Consultation Room in the Fort fell down.

Upon which the Weather Fortunately breaking to day the Dep^ty. Gov^r. summond the Councill [...] Buildings in the Fort in Gen^ll. and with [. . .] Carpenter procurable in this Place that we might [. . .] it likewise and in Conclusion We agreed in the [. . .]

That nothing but the Stairs which are Conti[guous] supported the Westermost part of the Consultation [. . .] falls the rest must accompany it.

That the Pillars which support it are in [. . .] likewise, the Beams some of which are almost [. . .] Joints which makes the House very Leaky so that [. . .] kept Dry in it.

That the Verando to the New Lodgings [. . .] built will fall very speedily unless pulld down it being [. . .] and most of the Timbers which shoud support it [. . .] so that its only kept up by 5 Pillars which M^r^. [. . .] put up last Year notwithstanding which tis not [. . .] Bed Chamber Continues Pritty sound which at Present [we] make a Consultation Roome of.

All the Lodgings under The Terrace contigu[ous to the] Southward of the aforesaid house are in the very same [condition which] makes it very Dangerous for any body to Lodge in em.

One of Our Magazines where there's not less [. . .] of Powder constantly kept is likewise so very leaky and defective that we are forced to support it with two [Pillars, if] they happen to fail we cant tell what ill consequences [. . .] the Clashing of the Brick and Stone together.

The Armory is just in the same Condition. The Hospitall thô not Quite so bad very Leaky and [. . .] not to trouble Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. with too Long a Letter we [. . .] You that the buildings in generall in the Fort are [not in good] Order Att Coudalore all y^r^. Buildings which we likewise [. . .] Just stand and thats all we can say of em but so [long as] other apartments be procurd we beleive no Person w[. . .] Persons in em.

This is the Dismall acco^t^. of Our build[ings], what makes the story more melancholly is that we [*must*] think with good reason that its impossible to re[pair] those We esteemd Judges say that if they are not [. . .] than Probable they may suddenly fall and destroy [. . . un]fortunate Persons who may happen to be in or near them and those which seems to be in the greatest Danger are the Fort House, the New Factory at Coudalore and the Upper Lodgings of the old.

Besides which there are 3 of the Sea Custome Godowns att Coudalore fallen down and the rest in a very sad Condition.

Its some satisfaction to us notwithstanding Our beforementiond misfortunes to acquaint Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. that Y^r^. Fortifications in generall have rec^d^. very inconsiderable Damage only a Mudd Wall or two being wash'd downe, the new Works settled according to Our Expectations and 15 Yards of the Old Wall at Coudalore fallnen [*sic*].

At the same time the Hon^ble^. Company receivd such considerable Damage by these extraordinary Rains We must acquaint You that Our Private Inhabitants have sufferd equally with em there being 245 houses washd down 80 very much damagd and not a house but what has receivd some Prejudice in Tevenapatam but at Coudalore they have not so severely found the Effects of it there being no more than 100 and Twenty thô most in Town have receivd a great deal of Damage.

We shall not Trouble Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. more at present than to Subscribe Our Selves.

[Fort S^t^.] David
[Nov^r^.] the 22^d^.
[Rec^d^. d°.] the 26 } 1712.

Hon^ble^. S^r^.
Your most hum^ble^. Serv^ts^.
Rob^t^. Raworth.
John Berlu.
Richard Harrison.
Phillip Baker.
Matthew Weld.
Thomas Woodward.

P.S.

I hope Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. will excuse t [. . .] ting of this the Paper bei so Damp [. . .] the Secretary a not possibly perform [. . .]

Y^r^. Obed^t^. Servant
Robert Raworth.

No. 195

To the Hon^ble E. Harrison Esq^r.
Presid^t. & Gov^r. of Fort S^t. George &c^a. Council.

Hon^ble. S^r. &c^a.

I am still forced to stay here till the [. . .] the River a great part of his Army have Passd a [. . .].

Two days agoe I receivd a Letter from the Ing [eraw . . .] Peddaporum wherein he advises me by no means to [. . .] Place till the Nabob comes on this side the River, [. . .] the Rajahs about him cannot withstand the Nabobs fa[. . .] into their Forts since he has been reinforced with th[. . .] Usbecks and others they cannot protect me one day [. . .] the Moors have got so many Boats at Rogemandrum [. . .] send Forces down the River to bring away what [. . .] from the Islands.

Our Merchant Narsoe gives me daily fr[. . .] that the Cloth to the amo^t. of what he has rec^d. has been [. . .] ready at Ingerom and thereabouts and his People doe[. . .] me of great Quantitys the weavours have of their [. . .] makes me wait here with the greater Impatience Ing[. . .] hardly so farr from this Place as Metchlepatam is

The Nabob is expected here, Rangoraz not agree [. . .] most of the People of this Town and Country are gone [. . .] Islands for shelter a Rajah that came sometime [. . .] Southward to Rangoraz assistance with 3000 Men [to] take possession of Our New Factory to prevent the Nabob[. . .] it.

Our Bales are Laden on board Rangoraz ship wh[ich] Anchor Nigh Our Factory Burthen 300 Tonns or there [about . . .] N°. 39, of fine and ordinary Callicoes, this ship is goeing [. . .] grain, the Bales are conveniently stowd away betwixt De [. . .] of the Comp^as. to look after em I woud have agreed for so m[. . .] ₰ Bale but Rangoraz answerd he was much obligd to[. . .] and this is a trifling matter.

The Nabob makes great demands of th[. . .] he does whereever he comes that Cheife has d[. . .] till he getts orders from Metchlepatam.

I doe design to give [. . .] that I may be ready at the first call but shall act with all [the care] Imaginable least my appearing too soon at Ingerom occasion a seizure of the Cloth they have got together for this Nabob Values not what he does taking no Notice of any Messenger from the Subah of Golcondah or the Kings having remitted no Mony to Court these 2 Years he has heaped up a Vast Treasure and lodgd it in Rogemand^m. Fort as they say for Azamoodeens Son in Bengall.

The French Ships have taken a Moormans Vessell belong^s. to Metchlepatam goeing to Bengall 2 Lascarrs Jumpd over board and gott ashore and brings the News they also took to fishermen at Sea beyond Ganjam and carried em with em w^t. course the Marlbrô steerd after the fight is not known here.

[Madapoll]am
[Nov^r. the] 1^st.
[Rec^d. the] 27 } 1712.

Hon^ble. S^r. &c^a.
Your Obedient Servant
Thomas Faucett.

P.S.

People being now returnd from Savere give the Acco^t. that [. . .] came to an Anchor there off the Rivers Barr of Ingerom that [. . .] high that the Houses in Town were full of Water and the [. . .] hard every Moment to be carried into the Sea so all their [. . .] taken up how to safe their Own Lives.

T. ffaucett.

No. 196

To the Hon^ble. Edw^d. Harrison Esq^r.

[Presid^t.] & Gov^r. of Fort S^t. George [&c^a.] Council.

Hon^ble. S^r. &c^a.

We rec^d. Yours of the 6^th. Ult^o. the 9^th. at Night & early next morning sent forward the Bengall Packett with earnest recomendation to M^r. Symonds for its most speedy Proceeding to Ballasore.

We most heartily rejoice at the Marlbrôs escape but by report receivd here of a ships Long Boat with a Chest of Treasure [. . .] one or 2 Europe Men taken up dead at Barway we fear some [. . .] has been lost and are in pain for the London not having heard [. . .] her arrivall in Bengall.

[. . .] to Ingerom having [. . .] board Rajahs ship at Madapollam [. . .] now resides the Merch^ts. have provided 140 [. . .] embaling the beginning of next Month but a v[. . .] them away which we shall take care of after [receiving . . .] the Madapollam Yatch that is refitted and we shall [. . .] for her Lading by the beginning of Jan^ry. but [. . .] till we know how Your Hon^r. &c^a. woud have us go [. . .] with regard to the French ships that may return [in the] mean time We send by this ship Harriott 14 [. . .] and 2 Neck[c]loths to be timely Washd for the home [. . .] The Invoice amounting to Pag^s. 4421·30·3 with [. . .] enclosd, We most respectfully subscribe.

Vizagapatam
November the 19 } 1712
Rec^d. d^o. the 28 }

Hon^ble. S^r. &c^a.
Your most Obed^t. hum[^ble. Serv^ts.]

Francis [Hastings]
Robert [Cranwell]

P. S.

We send Must^rs. of Chey Goods & Percullaes with their Prizes, Lengths and Bredths at Ingerom.

Idem

No. 197

To the Hon^ble. Edward Harrison Esq^r. &c^a. Council.

Hon^ble. S^r. &c^a.

The Veranda of Our Garden house about [. . .] was so very near falling that to prevent the Damage [. . .] I orderd it to be pulld downe which I did not acquaint Your [Hon^r. be]leiving the rest of the House was in very good repair and it [. . .] at an Insignificant expence but on farther Scrutiny I of [. . .] generall as bad as the Veranda and therefore thought [. . .] to mend the defects of it at once and that it might be done [. . .] Rate possible took the care of it on myself and shall be at [. . .] Pagodas before tis compleatly finished, which Sum You woud be pleasd to permitt me to reimburse myself Ou [. . .] not in the least doubt but the Produce of the Garden in [. . .] well taken care of will produce annually 400, of the su [. . .] Computation which was my Cheif Inducement to [. . .] to preserve it and I hope for the same reason [you will be] pleasd to grant my request as likewise because [. . .] in the bounds for me to Lodge in I wish Su[ccess in all your] affaires both Publick and Private & am

[. . .]

Fort S^t. David
November the 26 } 1712
Rec^d. d^o. the 30 }

Hon^ble. S^r. & C^a.
Your most obedient & hub^ble. Serv^t.
Robert Raworth.

No. 198

[To the Hon^ble.] Edw^d: Harrison Esq^r.
[Presid^t &] Gov^r. of Fort S^t. George.

Hon^rble. S^r. &c^a.

Since our last to Your Hon^r. &c^a. we have been hon^d. with Yours of y^e. 25 and yesterday imported Sloop Expedition by which we receivd that of the Vessell is now in the River and shall forthwith be hauld ashore and fitted w^th. the utmost frugallity and expedition possible.

We thank Your Hon^r. &c^a. for the stores You sent us by this Vessell and when once we have compleatly fitted all Our arms we hope the Consumption will be considerably reduced the Dep^ty. Gov^rs. Overlookd that Article of fowl^s. Pieces when he read the List lately sent or assures it shoud have been struck Out for they are of no manner of Use to us here.

This Day We began to Sort Our New Contract and hope to make up about 50 Bales about the Middle of the Week we shall have ready again the same Number when the Mary Packett shall be dispatchd to You full Loaden and Your Orders punctually Obey'd relating to the Marks of the Bales, Consignment of the Vessell and Instructions about the disposall of the Goods.

That no mistake may be made by the Conicoply we shall send from hence when he comes to New Pack the Bales and put in the Sorters Notes each of the Gentlemen have taken to themselves a Particular mark which shall be put on a Piece of Paper and included in the Bale upon it will be writt likewise in Jentue figures what Number the Cloth is of and that Your Hon^r. &c^a. may know of whose sortment any Bale is We enclose to You the beforementiond Marks with each Persons Name opposite to them.

M^r. Thomas Woodward returns You thanks for permitting him to act again as a sorter and hopes to deport himself in that Employ to Your Hon^r. &c^as. Satisfaction.

We have this day commenced pulling down those buildings w^ch. are in danger of falling and incapable of being repaird and shall take all due Care of the old Materialls which we beleive will lessen the Expence considerably of the New whenever You think convenient to Permitt us to build.

There was a Horse of the Dep^ty. Gov^rs. killd under Cap^t. Roach at the Battle of Whichmeere which he was paid for and at the same time a little Mare belonging to Cap^t. Coventry made a Prize of, the Value of which M^r. Warr can best tell who first disposd of it to M^r. Weld and he afterwards sold it to Cap^t. Coventry with a fold (which has been lately sent M^rs. [. . .]) for 40 Pagodas. We dont hear he's indebted to any body in this [place].

[M^r.] Richard Farmer was Paymaster when the new building in the Fort were commenced by M^r. Robert [. . .] some Particular Affair when he returns we [. . .] why he did not take care they were made more d [. . .] Hon^r. &c^a. M^r. John Bridges was Paymaster who [. . .] built all the Timbers of which was so very [. . .] Window Frames that had it not been repaird [in time . . .] this have been Levelld with the Ground some of Us re[. . .] Roberts has been often told that this consequence w[. . .] to which is common Reply was that they shoud stand [. . .]

M^r. John Berlu offering to pay into Cash 539^pa. [. . .] the same and given him a Bill on Your Hon^r. &c^as. [. . .] Sight to M^r. Edm^d. Montague with which we desire Y [our] compliance.

We have nothing more to Impart to You[r Hon^{r}. at] present than to Subscribe Our Selves.

FORT S^{T}. DAVID

DECEMBER P M^{o}. 1712
REC^{D}. DITTO THE 5, 1712

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.

Your most [Obed^{t}. hum^{ble}.] Servants

RO[BERT RAWORTH.]
RI[CHARD FARMER.]
JOHN[BERLU.]
RICH[ARD HARRISON.]
PHIL[LIP BAKER.]
MATTHEW[WELD.]
THOMAS[WOODWARD.]

N^{o}. 199

TO THE HON^{BLE}. EDWARD HARRISON ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT AND GOV^{R}. OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE &C^{A}. COUNCILL.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.

Pursuant to Our Promise we are to acquaint [Your Hon^{r}. with the] further progress we have made towards discovering amongst [...] all persons who are indebted to the Renters and at last procurd [. . .] Woode Naigue Reddee had lodgd in the Hands of one Gunna[pa] amo^{t}. of 6000 Pag^{s}. besides a Box of Jewells of a Considerable [. . .] after which he died when Gunnapa not having given a R[eceipt] denied to be possessd of any such Sum or things and so en[joy . . .] till the time of his Decease.

After which he bequeathd it with the rest of his Estate [to his] Son one Tonnapa Chittee from whom wee have demanded [. . .] Father before him did denies all he's chargd with however [. . .] convenient to take security for his appearance when [. . .] coming to extremitys with him till Our Next Consultation [. . .] to Produce such Evidence and accounts to Testify the [. . .] Alledge that will putt the matter [past debate.]

Enclosd [. . .] of the Letter we wrote M^{r}. [. . .] Porto Novo relating [. . .] moodee Mercawns debt with his Answer [whereby] Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. will perceive that he denies it likewise and referrs himself to the Testimony of some of Our Inhabitants accordingly we sent [for] those of em which coud be found into Consultation who denied they know [. . .] of the matter tho its to be beleivd he has got some Justice on his side since he produced to M^{r}. Farmer the Originall Bill for the sum he was chargd with which was deliverd up by Cheva Naigue Reddee on adjusting Accounts and we have nothing but the Word of a single Peon to corroborate Our demand.

This we beleive will put an End to Our Progress in this Affair since we cant on the strictest enquiry discover any more of their Debtors so we request Your order wither we shall proceed to the sail of the Houses and Banksalls and receive in the Mony lodgd in the hands of the severall People mentiond in Ours of the 23^{d}. of July last.

As you orderd us on the 1st. Instant We dispatchd the Serang and Lascarrs for Madrass who brought here sloop Expedition but are sorry to Inform Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. that on Survey of the Vessell by Cap^{t}. Nevill and others we found her so very bad that twill cost almost as much to repair her as building a new one and then she'll be an infirm vessell too, her Main Plank being so very indifferent, the seams so very wide and her Wodden Ends so Open and unriveted that nothing but the sheathing kept her afloat besides which she has neither sails Rigging or Boltsprit wherefore we shall deferr doeing any thing to her till we know Your farther Pleasure on the matter it being Our opinions it woud be better to break her up and dispose of the old Materialls for what can be gott.

Enclosd We send Your Honr. &ca. the Copy of Our Accot. Cash to the 3d. Instant which will lett You know what we are in the greatest need off Our Merchts. continueing very importunate for Mony and bringing in their Cloth very briskly.

We hope on Fryday to dispatch to Your Honr. &ca. the Mary wth. 100 Bales when we shall write Your Honr. &ca. again and are

Fort St. David
[Decr.] the 3 } 1712.
[Recd. the 6 }

Honble. Sr. &cA.

Your most Obedt. humble. Servants.
Robert Raworth.
Richard Farmer.
John Berlu.
Richard Harrison.
Phillip Baker.
Matthew Weld.
Thomas Woodward.

No. 202.

To the Honble. Edward Harrison Esqr.
President & Govr. of Fort St. George &cA. Councill.

Honble. Sr. &cA.

This accompanys a great Packett of[...] came to hand Yesterday by the Tappy Peons and is [...] by this Sea Conveyance as well for the more speedy rece[...] stops have been putt to Our Letters Overland occasiond [...]Nabobs and Rajahs in the Madapollam Country but [...] Troubles are over by a Confident report by the Nabobs[...] Government which will give new life to Trade a[...] Ingerom goes on as well as we can wish for both f[...] kindness and the Dutch relinquishing their Invest[igation] Moors extortion under whose Government they a[...] the sail of their spice which used to goe for part[...] Cloth Trade.

Mr. ffaucett assures us that in a [month] will be ready 15000 Pags. worth of Goods besides [what sent] on the Jane and at Madapollam for Loading of which [we are] expecting Your orders and shall want a Supply [...] by first opportunity.

Adjoind is copy of Our last by the [...] with our most humble respects is what offers from

Vizagapatam
November the 28 } 1712.
Recd. Decembr. 6 }

Honble. Sr. &cA.

Your most Obed[t. humble. Servts.]
Francis [Hastings.]
Robert [Cranwell.]

No. 203.

To the Honble. Edwd. Harrison Esqr.
President & Govr. of Fort St. George &cA. Councill.

Honble. Sr. &cA.

The last we wrote Your Honr. &ca. was the 30th. Sep[...] comes enclosd since which have receivd Letters from Your[...] September ₱Kent & Recovery with Coppy of what You sent [...] August also Invoice and Bills of Lading of said three [...] according to list all which came to hand the 13th. [Inst.].

We note what You write about the Rice at Ba[...] engrosing that comidity in Bengall which as [...] affirmd by all that come up to Your P[...] Your Port are not wanting to [...]ff we coud not have wanted an Opportunity of writing about engrossments [...] but to prevent disputes shall write no more on this head.

We are glad to hear of the Strethams and Herns safe Arrivall at Batavia and of the Good Posture Our Hon^ble^. Mast^rs^. Affaires are in at Bencoolen.

We observe the Charlton has imported with You from Batavia w^ch^. Place She left in Company with the Abraham Brigantine who (as we wrote You in Our last) has unfortunate fell into the hands of the French also the Arrivall of the Mairmaid from Judda and of the News she brings You of the severall shipping in those Parts for all which advices we return You thanks and think them propper to be incerted what we took Amiss was Your making Reflections on what You thought Mismanagement in private shipping We still continue of the same Opinion that such para. are more becoming a Private Letter than a Generall.

We are glad to hear that by Your Advices *Via* Grand Cairo in the beginning of March the treaty of Peace still continued with hope of a happy conclusion which God grant.

We are sorry to hear of the Ill Aspect of Our Hon^ble^. Mast^rs^. Affaires in Persia but for want of the Gen^ll^. Letter You receivd from those Parts ℔Dartmouth and sent us on the Marlbrô who is not yett Arrivd, we have not the Particulars.

We note what You write about the Pegue Embassad^rs^. whom we have treated with Civillity becoming his Charecter and much to his content he still continues under Our Protection and for the Reasons you give shall Use Our Utmost endeavours that he continues here till the Troubles are over and he does not seem Inclinable to remove. The King of Persias Embassad^r^. who arrivd lately here continues still with Us tho has had great intreatys both from the Dutch and the Moors Governm^t^. to goe up to Hughly which he has refusd thinking himself not only securer but more civilly treated than he woud be there, this Embassad^r^. is an Ingenious Polite Man has a Vast Present for the Mogull and his Retinue very large having sev^ll^. great Officers with him all very richly clothd and he makes a great figure, he and his Equipage came on 2 Dutch Ships from Persia, the Dutch sent down their state Budgrow and severall other Boats with some of their Councill to attend him up when he was come near Our bounds. M^r^. Hedges went of to compliment him on his safe arrivall and to desire he woud doe us the Hon^r^. to come ashore to which he made answer [that if Our Gov^r^.] came off to Invite him he woud which was accordingly done [and notwithstanding] the Dutch entreated him to the Contrary he landed [at Our Stairs] and was attended into the Fort with all the State and [...] we coud show him We drank his Master the King of Persias [...] 51 Gunns and his own with 41 we also made him an Invitation of staying in our Tow [...] the times all which he took very [...] We gott apartments for him in the Town, he and [...] treated by Us the first Day after which he told Us [...] Charges on his Account he complaind of the ill trea[tment...] Our People at Gombroon but says the extraordinary [...] with here are such that he will always be ready to [...] service in his Power and assures us he has already [...] of Persia his Master (by Letters which we sent for him [to] be forwarded) of the great Respect we have shown him [to] be of some Service to Our Hon^ble^. Mast^rs^. in Persia.

Had the Howland falln in her should have [...] wrote relating to her Cargoe but by what we have ad [...] not but she may be arrivd with You.

We observe what You propose in relation to the [...] shipping for Europe this Season and have also perused [...] have writt on that head which is in substance that d[...] contrive that as many of their shipping whose w[...] keep Company wherefore considering the Danger that [...] by the French ships who we suppose are gone to refitt[...] return on the Coast in December to wait for Our Out wa[...]or come down here and lye of the New Deeps we have con[...] Resolution which we think more for the safety of Our H[...] than if they went Singly at the End of November we will d[...] the Ship Mary with her Kintlage of Red Wood and Petre [...] fine

goods and Darby may sail together time enough to [...] Convoy at the Cape and for a further security to these 2 ships [...] Join the London with them who may learn further advic[es] at Your Port and take proper measures to sail secure of [...] sometime In January (We hope the beginning) th[...] up to You with 4 or 500 Bales, Goods and some Salt [Petre] to be procurd having no more at present than what [...] and Mary which is the remaind^{r}. of Our last Years sto[...]no supply this Season but very small Quantitys that[...] up here and wether any can come down this season [...] is very uncertain by which you may perceive it will [...] Power unless some shoud come down from th[...] to sup[...] Our Selves with that Comodity.

The Recovery is coming Up from R[...] for Persia if can procure any Freight and [...] with a Gruff Cargoe on Our Hon^{ble}. Masters [...] their Orders.

Shoud the Marlbrô arrive with [...] We shall [load] her with Grain and send her back [to Your Port.]

We observe what You write relating to the Stock directed [for us] this Season when the Marlbrôs stock comes we shall have [sufficient] with what already receivd for this Years business but then hoping the Troubles of the Country may be at an End in 2 or 3 Months We shall want to have the whole Quota to be early making provision for the next Year.

We wonder You have no Advices from Bombay by Letters from the Gen^{ll}. and Councill thereof the designs of the Heathcott Montague and Litchfields seizing Abdull Gaffers Moco Ships they wrote us a generall wherein they gave leave for keeping the London till December which is all the materiall part of it.

Before M^{r}. Boon leaves this Place we will come to a Conclusion in the affair between M^{rs}. Empson and the Estate of Ralph Shelden Esq^{r}. Deceasd.

We note what You write about the Tinn sent on the Darby it lying under the Ballast the Cap^{t}. says he has not been able before now to gett at it, Its now on its way up and shall dispose of it here if can gett a good Price otherwise will send it to Bombay as You advise.

Since what we wrote You last relating to Zoody Cawn the Gov^{r}. of Hughly has severall times Attackd him and has always been repulsd in the last Engagement Zoodee Cawn took from him all his Fortifications and Gunns except Hughly Fort all whose Gunns but 2 or 3 with sev^{ll}. Surat Ships were Mounted on the Fortifications Zoode Cawn has taken who woud also have taken the Fort had they not been alarmd by a greater Number of Forces coming against him at Present they both sett Quiett the Gov^{r}. very much repenting his not accepting Our offers of a Mediation between them, Hughly has been so Alarmd that all the shroffts have Quitted it and abundance of Merch^{ts}. are come away bring their most Valuable Effects with them a great many of whom are under Our Protection, Zoody is very angry with the Dutch for permitting Wooley Beugue the Gov^{r}. to raise fortifications in their Confines against him which the Dutch excusd saying they did it in Order to gett their goods Clear of the Duan that were at Muxadavad so that they are now Zoody Cawne humble servants and doe not permitt any of the Gov^{rs}. People to come thrô their Territorys but however have sent for three [...] ships up which past by us the other day for the security of [the] Factory.

The Duan has turnd Out the Gov^{r}. of Hughly sending in [...] om Meer Abbootahlib who is on his Way from Muxadavad in [order] to take possession of his Government, he has wrote Letters to the [French] Dutch and English Cheifs desireing them to Use their endeav^{rs}. [in ac] comodating a Peace with Zoody Cawn which if he will not reasonably [...] Duan expects they [...] him to a Compliance in this Affair we shall Per [...] have hitherto done by using Our endeavours to a [...] will assist neither in fighting.

The 30th. Instant rec^{d}. a Letter Dated [...] Out of which we send an Extract of what relates [...] whereby You'll perceive Prince Furruckeers Cir[cumstances] are better than what was before Judgd and that [...] for the Reports lately spread about

which are [...] himself wholly up to Luxury insomuch that [...] the Omrâhs at Court and some say Furruckseer is in [...] truth and Event of which will now soon appear and we [...] to advise You thereof so soon as it comes to Our know[ledge.]

On the 2d. October We receivd advices from Bah[...] Russell Gally who we before advisd You off was dispatcht[...] &ca. advices of the Enemies being on the Coast was ta [...] which happend on the 10th. Sepr. of the Black Pagod[...] Letters overboard and the Enemy have carried [...] We are sorry for the loss Our Masters have sustaind [...] however we shoud have thought Ourselves blame [...] the great danger Our Honble. Mastrs. Ships were in from [...] have sett still and usd no means for their Preservation [...] Out the Oxford sloop to watch them who arrivd just after [...] she gott to Ganjam from which Place Question not b[...] French being gone of the Coast soon reachd You We are s[...] for the Marlbrô but hope she may be with You [...] Prisoners that were on board the French and arrivd here [...] when they parted with the Marlbro she saild directly a [...] with a fair Wind towards the Southward and they all d [...] coud have savd her but the Extraordinary Management & [...] Ship by which Means brave Capt. Martin Baffled the [...] taken her and stayd longer a Cruizing tis very likely [...] and recovery woud have fallen also into their hands, We [...] Mastrs. have Narrowly escapd very great Losses which w[...] always be their Good fortunes when so near such Enime [ys...] will take all the Care we can to be apprizd of the Enem[y...] be clear of the Pulott shoud they be lying off the New [...] have two sloops cruizing from the Place were our Py [...] Ships to Point Palmiraz and back and in 15 and [...] where the Pylotts commonly part no ship can [...] be in View by this Method we hope no [...] happen to Our Outward bound shipp[ing ...]Wrote in this Letter relating to [...] Mary and Darby w[...] maid we receive from Your Honr. &ca. future advices of the Enemies being encreasd in Number or any Proposalls more Advantagious for the security of Our Honble. Employers Shippg. We shall have regard to them. We eare

HONBLE. SR. &CA.

Your very humble Servants

JOHN RUSSELL.
ROBT. HEDGES.
ABRA: ADDAMS.
SAMLL. FEAKE.
EDWARD PAGE.
JOHN DEANE.
SAMLL. BROWNE.

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Honble. [...] sent us a Letter from Govr. Harrison [...] advises that of the Bill of Exchange for 5000 Madrass Rupees payable to [...] use of but 3000 on his accots. & acquaints [...] to Us we will pay him the Rema. [...] Letter being signd by Govr. Harrison we [...] sufficient Voucher and have paid it, desire You'll give this Presidency Creditt [...] Your Generall You having taken [...] Last Letters.

IDEM.

No. 204

[TO THE] HONBLE. EDWD. HARRISON ESQR.
[PRESIDT. &] GOVR. OF FORT ST. GEORGE [&CA.] COUNCILL.

HONBLE. SR. &CA.

Yours of the 31st. October came not to hand till the 28th. U[ltimo] with Bengall Packetts which we hope will find a much Quicker Passage to Ballasore Tappys that way having lately made very [good] Performance.

Nothing but the want of Cotton has Lessend the Quantity of Bales and Course Goods in these Parts but Your Honr. &ca. will perceive by what we wrote the 19th

the good hope of answering Your Expectations from Ingerom and that before departure of the Jan^{y}. Ship we shall so farr redeem Our Creditts as to be reinstated in Your good opinions and consequently the favour of Our R^{r}. Hon^{ble}. Mast^{rs}.

The Triplicane goes over the Barr to Morrow and in few Days will be dispatchd to Ingerom with about 20 Bales from this Place [...] have signified to M^{r}. Faucett the great Importance of a speedy [...] and the method You have prescribd in Consigning from [...] to Delela Cawn.

[We] desird M^{r}. Symonds to keep Peons in Faqueirs habitt [a ...] reasons [...] of any French Ships and we shall be very [glad] to find out their Rendevouz and give such advices to all shipping.

We condescended to terms [...] than [...] obtaining Habid Cawns favour but daily discoverd [...] Private Orders to stop our Trade to the Rajah Anu[...] when they refusd we were in point of Gratitude obl[iged...] friendships which we have hitherto found Reall and [..] as all Our goods are provided in or brought thrô thi[s ...] any ill consequence from Habid Cawns hatred who[...] to be trusted as we gave M^{r}. ffaucett to Understand [...] Out of his Way tho there shoud not have happend [...] Habid Cawn and the Ingerom Rajah and this [...] happily given Us from the Base Treatment the [...] found when at same time by Professions of Friends[hip] in Expectation of some Extraordinary of his fav[ours] being turnd Out is confirmd by Letters from a N[. . .] Rajahs forbidding any more payments of Mony to [. . .] M^{r}. Hordens Bill is Accepted and the 600 Pag^{s}. [. . .] good to the R. H. C. Cash.

This comes by the Madapollam [Yatch] with the best Rice these Parts afford the Acco^{t}. of [Company] with what expended to Refitt the Yatch shall come by [. . .]ty.

The Lascarrs expected Batty besides their Month[ly pay] they have refusd only the Mast^{r}. Peter Young Blo[...] Pag^{s}. on Acco^{t}. We most respectfully Subscribe

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.
Your most O[bed^{t}. & hum^{ble}. Servant^{s}.]

[FRANCIS HASTINGS.]
[ROBERT CRANWELL].
[THOMAS FAUCETT].

VIZAGAPATAM
DECEMB^{R}. THE 2^{D}.
REC^{D}. D^{O}. THE 8.
} 1712.

No. 205.

[TO THE HON^{BLE}. EDW^{D}.] HARRISON ESQ^{R}.
[PRESID^{T}. &] GOVERN^{R}. OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE [&C^{A}. COUNCILL].

HON^{BLE}. S^{S} &C^{A}.

Some few days agoe we deliverd Cap^{t}. Hurst Triplicate of what wrote before with another dated the 14th. Instant since which Meer Obbootalib with his forces is arrivd and Encampd in a Plain by Hugly with possitive orders from the Duan Mursudcooley Cawn to take Zoody Cawn Enaut Ella and Kinker Sein and send them bound to him which tis not likely he will be able to doe both Camps are in sight of each other. Zoody Cawn strongly entrenchd and the other Pitchd in the open Plain without any entrenchments or defence but what he must depend on from the Valour and Number of his forces who seem both ways Inferiour to Zoody Cawns who are flushd with many Victorys.

On Thursday Last we sent M^{r}. Hedges and M^{r}. Deane to Complem^{t}. Meer Obbtutalib on his Arrivall in hopes he woud be prevaild with to make Peace on Reasonable Terms but theres no hopes of that [thing] Duans orders being to force or ℔suade Zoody Cawn &c^{a}. by any [means] he can contrive to put themselves into his hands and Zoody Cawn knowing him to be as basely Treacherousa as is possible for

any M[. .] to be will not trust all the Promises and Oaths he can Make but [. . .] to stand on his defence as he did against Wooley Beigg and his no [. . .] a much better condition to defend himself that when attackd by [. . .] for he is Master of all the Cannon that were in Hughly Fort & of sev[eral] more that were borrowd from ships on Hughly. By Wooley Beigg mounted on Batterys against him tis likely there will be a Battle betwixt them in less than a Weeks time both Parties speak Bigg and if Meer Obbtutalib does not begin Quickly Zoody Cawn will begin with him for his Men are in good heart and the others seem dispirited half a Dozen of Zoody Cawn[e] horsemen appearing on the Plain last Monday having put Meer Obtutalibs whole Camp into a [Publick] fear and probably they woud have fledd from their Own [Camp] if Meer Obtutalib had not made hast to return into the field[from Wool]ey beigs house where he was to pay a Visitt when the [news] of his Mens disorderly fear was brought him.

The latest News from Prince Furruckseers Camp is that he was when [. .] four days March of the [. . .] and that both Armys were pritty equall in Num[ber] of about 40000 Horse.

We have already 1150 Bales of Goods abo[...] and Derby We have 100 more Embald in the House [. . .] Goods as will make about 200 Bales more besides [. . .] 100, more out of the Country in 3 or 4 Days which together [. . .] wards of 1500 Bales besides 300 Tubbs of Tea coming from [. . .] which came on the Rising Sun Brigantine from [. . .] which Vessell being surveyd if found not worth the [. . .] ward cost therefore we have orderd her to be broke up [. . .] the most we can of her stores Iron Works and Tim[bers...] Ships will be dispatchd towards You and clear out of [. . .] by the 5th. of next Month. Wee are

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HONBLE. SR. &CA.
Your most [Obedt. & humble. Servts.

JOHN [RUSSELL.]
ROBT. [HEDGES.]
ABRA: [ADDAMS.]
SAMLL. [FEAKE.]
J. WIL[LIAMSON]
EDWD. [PAGE.]
S. [BROWNE.]
JNO. [DEANE.]

No. 206.

TO THE HONBLE. EDWD. HARRISON ESQR.
PRESIDT. & GOVR. OF FORT ST. GEORGE [&CA.] COUNCILL.

HONBLE. SR. &CA.

Pursuant to Yr. Honr. &cas. Orders this E[vening sails] Sloop Mary to you with 90 Bales Amounts. to Pags. 495 [. . .] and Bill of Lading enclosd which we Wish speedily and [safely to Fort] St. George We have taken care that no English Letters or E[. . .] marks are on board her and she goes consignd by Pole [. . .] manage Merchts. at Sts. Thoma with his directions [. . .] the English if not to keep them till the Arrivall of [. . .] Coast and dispose of em to them We hope the s[. .] no other notion that the Cargoe belongs to [. . .] been present at the Package of em and appe[...] gave out such Directions as [. . .].

Imported here a Parr the 5th. Inst. from Fort St. George belonging to Punkulo Ramma Kissnama which is all that has happend worth Your Notice so we shall add no more but subscribe Our Selves

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. . .] Ditto.

Honble. Sr. &ca.

Yr. most Obedt. humble, Servts.
Robt. Raworth.
Richd. Farmer.
John Bbrlu.
Richd. Harrison.
Phillip Baker.
Mattw. Weld.
Thos. Woodward.

No. 207.

[To the Honble. Edwd. Harrison Esqr.
[Presidt. &] Govr. of Fort St. George [&ca. Councill].

Honble. Sr. &ca.

After having taken so much Pains to Unite the hearts of the Gentlemn. in this Place that we might live as unanimously and happily as tis Possible for so small a handfull of Men to doe together its a very great concern to me that my Labors shoud be renderd fruitless by the Impetuous and Quarrellsome disposition of a single Man who by his former behaviour before I name him I dont doubt but Youll guess to be Mr. Baker.

This Gentleman from my first Arrivall notwithstanding I had a great deal of reason to the Contrary daily given me by him I treated with all the respect in the World priding myself with the thoughts that I shoud be able to Effect what nobody before coud not even his own Father make him fitt for Gentlemns. Conversation in which I thought I had tolerable Success till a few days before he departed for Fort St. George when a double Portion of the old spiritt enterd into him, however I made myself easy because his stay was to be but a Little While.

I shall pass by the Liberty he took with me in my absence from this Place and when he was immediately under Your eyes and only tell Your Honr. &ca. upon my return here when he came amongst [. . .] of the [. . .] I distinguishd him no otherwise than by [. . .] however gave him all the Protection and Assi[stance] in the Negotiation of the Compas. and his own [. . .] farr forgott all that himself and family ha[ve . . .] the respect Imaginable at my Table.

Thus we livd together till about a Month [. . .] Officers made generall complaints to me that the [. . .] in Debt there was scarce a Man carried a fanam [. .] Pay Table for that it was all stopd account Coat Mony [. . .] Mony sent by the Paymaster and other odd Articles [. . .] ber which put me upon thinking how I shoud remedy [. . .] I was apprehensive if it continued of almost a [Table. . .]

And the first thing I did in order thereto [. . .] that only cloths and dyett shoud be stopd at the sa[. .] a very materiall Ingredient to Cloth them [. . .] which induced me to write to Your Honrs. &ca. to know th[. . .] Manufacture in Our Genll. of Ulto. which Your Honr. [. . .] kind as to answer in their favour and they will all by [. . .] compleatly clad with Brass buttons, Facings and hand [. . .] their Coats and embroiderd Granider's Caps and pay no [. . .] than $1\frac{7}{8}$ Pags. whereas Mr. Baker thought himself [. . .] paid with 3 Pagodas for a Coat and 24 fanams [. . .]

The Gentleman seeing this took very great [. . .] I in all Companys, accusing me of tak[ing . .] Perquisites and swearing at the same time that he woud [. . .] me to Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. but to England and that he did not [. . .] which You may be sure I heard but being resolvd to live [. . .] Patience and never so much as Utterd a syllable to any [. . .] being informd he had complaind to the Hon^ble^. Presid[ent . .] Hugonin I askd him in the Presence of the Coun[. .] of mildness why he Troubled him with those tu[. . .] first being denied Justice by me and wether he th [. . .] here to prevent his hearing such insignificant C[. . .] Long Pauze he coud give me no other Answer than [. . .] his Enemy and so went ranting to his house wh[. . .] he Valued me [. . .] shoud be supported [in] from [Fort St.] George and in this manner he livd till the 4^th^. Instant.

When as he was paying the Soldiers there happend a dispute between him and Captain Roach about undue stoppage from em which Cap^t^. Roach on his return from the Guard acquainted me off as likewise that there was a generall Murmur amongst em on the Occasion for thô that Sev^ll^. Sober Men would take their Oaths they did not Owe him a fanam yet upon the single word of his Conicopoly he woud force it from them for w^ch^. reason I imediately sent him an order not to pay the other Companys without my being present at the Table and appointed him to meet me at seven a Clock the next Morning to pay Wallaces Company.

This together with my Sufference of his abuses before brought him directly to me Just as I was rising from Dinner where in the Presence of M^r^. [Weld] the Secretary M^r^. Gostlin Cap^t^. Roach and my Brother he gave me that provoking Language that I must needs confess to Y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. had not my station Obligd me to the contrary, I woud have prevented his serving me, or any body else so again he taxd me of Partiallity being governd by Cap^t^. Roach, suffering him to oppress the Inhabitants that there were generall Cryes against him gave him the Lie and Challengd him in my presence with abundance of other Scandalous Actions and expressions which none but such a person as himself coud invent or remember and after told me he demanded justice of me.

I answerd very Mildly that since he had calld me a Partiall Judge and had applyd himself to Fort S^t^. George about Cap^t^. Hugonin because he beleivd me his Enemy I woud not take upon me to determine the dispute and desird him to walk down stairs Assurd him that the Councill shoud hear him what he had to say and doe him Justice when he began his Old Reflections again and marchd off scolding as he went.

I part all this by likewise till this Morning at the Garden he usd me more barbarously than ever where I was forced to leave him for fear I shoud at last be provokd to put my Sword in his Body, and am Just now come to the Fort (tho all my business and Papers lies at the Garden) from whence I write You this and humbly begg Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. will be pleasd to remove this Troublesome Man from me or tell me how I shall behave myself towards him for he's not only so to me but the Place in generall and so farr have I been from deserving this Treatment from him that my Protection has savd his bones for a Considerable time.

I [beg] Y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^as^. pardon for giving You this Trouble but [. . .] You'll find that I have deferrd it as long as pos [. . .] will save You a great deal of Trouble. I am

FORT S^T^. DAVID
DECEMBER THE 6^TH^.
REC^D^. D^O^. THE 9 } 1712.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.
Y^r^. most Ob[ed^t^.] [&] Obligd hum[ble Serv^ts^.]
[ROBERT RAWORTH &C^A^.]

No. 208

To the Honble. Edward Harrison Esqr.
Presidt. & Govr. of Fort St. George &ca. Council.

Honble. Sr. &ca.

Our last to Yr. Honr. &ca. was on the 6th. Inst. a [. . .] dispatchd the Mary Packett to You under the Charge of [. . .] amounting to Pagodas 4955. fs. 4. cs. 3 on Sunday morning [. . .] gott about a League to Windward but the next day was [. . .] this morning anchord in Our Road the Wind is mo[ving] Et. Wd. of it but when it comes to the Westward so very se[. . .] impossible for her to Stem the Curt. for which reason & [. . .] advices from Pondicherry that the Sherebone was arrivd the [. . .] great ships under the Direction of Monsr. Roquemeandeux [. . .] there likewise we thought it woud not be satisfactory to y[. . .] her any Longer at Sea for tho the Bales are under Jen[. . .] Ownd by a black Merchant yett as the Compas. Chop is upon [. . .] might create a great dispute and therefore we have brought [. . .] River where she shall lie ready to Sail at a Minutes [. . .] Cargoe aboard whenever Yr. Honr. &ca. shall think Convenient.

We have receivd Yor. Honrs. &cas. of the 6 Instant w[. . .] answerd tomorrow in the mean time pursuant to [. . .] to acquaint You that we have 900 Bales account of the [. . .] embald and in the Washers hands besides which the [. . .] is almost daily employd in Measuring out more [. . .] Our Washers will be so diligent as to furnish [. . .] the future to sort three times a Week till [. . .] this forwardness makes our Merchants very [. . .] and we entreat Your Honr. &ca. will be pleasd [. . .] some as soon as possible in the mean time [. . .].

[...] Tevenapatam Merchants the Sum of Pags. 5000 and presumd to give a Bill dated the 9th. Instant on You payable at 5 days sight to themselves or Order with which we request Yr. Punctuall Compliance and are

Fort St. David
[Decr. the] 10th.
[Recd. do. the 13] 1712

Honble. Sr. &ca.
Your most Obedt. humble. Servts.
Robert Raworth.
Richard Farmer.
John Berlu.
Richard Harrison.
Philip Baker.
Mathew Weld.
Thos. Woodward.

No. 209

[To the] Honble. Edwd. Harrison Esqr.
[Presidt. &] Govr. of Fort St. George &ca. Council.

Honble. Sr. &ca.

On the 6th. Inst. I was hond. with Yours of the 23d. which I shoud soonr. have replied to but that I was willing to recollect myself as much as Possible to give You satisfactory answers to the Questions You had been pleasd to propose to me but before I proceed further I am obligd to thank yr. &ca. for permitting me to be reimbursd the expences at about the Garden house in doeing of which I confess I did not exactly follow the Compas. Rules but I hope Youll excuse me since I did it for no other reason than to save Mony Our Paymastr. havs. calculated it at 2000 Pags. as he once before did in time of Warr the 4 New Points You permitted us to build at 300 each but I afterwards compleated em all within the Compass of a 1000.

It's not att all surprizing to me that Mr. Martin shoud endeavour to ease himself of all Incumbrances and Burthen me with as many as possibly he can but he or his advisers whoever they are ought certainly to weigh mattrs. better and be capable of Justifying their Plea either by very convincing Circumstances or Evidences before

they possitively assert such matters before Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. and I coud urge a great many reasons to prove [the] falsity of what he has alledgd but I shall goe no further than to desire the Gentlemen that now sett at y^{r}. board and wee subscribers to M^{r}. [. . .]ivres Peru Voyage and particularly this Gentleman himself to recollect on what Terms they subscribd to his stock and w^{t}. was their Inducement to doe it at a Season of the Year when no Voyages were [...] aside 22 Chests on mat[. . .] which Order I obeyd and to the best of my remem[brance. . .] Gov^{r}. Pitts concern which I immediately paid into Ca[sh . .] occasiond my being Credited in March 3507 Pag^{s}. more [. . .] Goods I had sold for the abovementiond Chests of Treasure [. . .] were not brought to account till May at which time they [. . .] Du Livier & Beauvoir then bound to Paina the first [. . .]

I remember very well upon the Decease of M^{r}. Emp[son...] myself were orderd to Ballance his Accompts to that day [. . .] was the 7th. of January and take an Acco^{t}. of w^{t}. remaind in [. . .] time which accordingly we did, not from the Accompts [. . .] but from that we took ourselves of the Sev^{ll}. species of [Goods...] containd for as there was no day book kept and the Journall[...] in so unusuall a form We coud not propose to doe it fr[. . .] we passd his Account in Consultation when to the ben[. . .] Gov^{r}. Pitt enquird how that Ballance stood out, to wh[ich . . .] Tonnapas Answer to us that it was for Silver and Gol[d. . .] and upon the Ballance of that Years books and his [account...] credited by them for it, after which I doe not remember [...] Question askd about it, the Merch^{ts}. Acco^{ts}. remain^{g}. un [. . .] was the reason no body as I know of doubting the tra[. . .]

Upon perusall of M^{r}. Empsons Papers (as M^{r}. D[. . .] knows as well as I) I doe not remember to have found [. . .] among them relating to the Warehouse nor any Ca[...] there was three or four Baggs containing altogether [...] about 800 Pag^{s}. and to every bagg was affixd a Label [...] whose acco^{t}. that Mony was and this I beleive M^{r}. [...] You an Insight into who was the Person assisted us [...] Inventory of his Concerns.

I cannot call to mind for what reason M^{r}. [...] paid Out of Cash Acco^{t}. M^{r}. Empson 1200 Pag^{s}. when t [...] standing out against him in the Comp^{as}. Books b[...] orderd in the hurry we all were in upon the Sudden [...] which then happend as well as the dispatch of the Heath [...] Part I doe not remember to be in Consultation w [...] about a Month afterwards deliverd over to the s [...] Papers I had of M^{r}. Empsons with an Acco^{t}. of [...] in a Box Just as they were found in the time [...].

I remember very well that M^{r}. [...] that Colloway coud [alledge] for himself was that he had paid for the 6 Chests but knowing him to be an Exact Man in business desird no further proof of the truth of what he said than that he woud produce his acco^{t}. of Cash to satisfy us he had credited it for the Amount which either coud not nor ever woud [doe] nor woud he take his Oath he had paid for them or produce us the Serv^{ts}. that carried the Mony to M^{r}. Empson (to whom he said he paid it) that they might Swear which together with Vincatty Chittees giving us broad hints that he had receivd them made us of Opinion he was not falsly Chargd however the matter in Our Opinions was so intricate that we never pretented to give Our difinitive Judgments either one way or t'other.

I have not a Paper of M^{r}. Empsons in my Possession nor can at present give Your hon^{r}. &c^{a}. any better Information but as I shall spend a great many hours in thinking of this Business I will advise Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. if any thing materiall Occurs to my Memory for as tis the [*sic*] my Duty to serve the Company to the utmost of my Power so tis the heigth [*sic*] of my Ambition to Oblige and please Y^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. being with the utmost submission.

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
[DEC.] THE 11TH. } 1712.
[REC^{D}. D^{o}.] 14 }

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.
Y^{r}. Obed^{t}. & most Obligd humble Servant
ROBERT RAWORTH.

No. 210

[To the Honble.] Edwd. Harrison Esqr.
[Presidt. &] Govr. of Fort St. George [&ca. Council.]

Honble. Sr. &ca.

We wrote Your Honr. &ca. Yesterday advising the reasons why We thought of bringing the Mary into the River again till Your further pleasure was known but the wind has continued so very fresh that it puts it out of Our Power to execute what we intended for we cant send any boats of and she now lies at an Anchor in the Road the Wind at North North Et. with a great Sea and Curt. to the So. ward.

After dispatch of the abovementiond Letter We recd. advices again from Pondicherry Confirming the Report We before heard relating to the [. . .] large French Ships that they were daily expected into Pondicherry were Kings Ships and fitted out of Toulone in Decembr. last one of them having [60] Gunns and 500 Men on board the other 50 and 400 most of them [. . .] what th[. . .] further [. . .] but as we procure further Intelligence it shall [...] Your Honr. &ca.

In answer to Your Honr. &cas. of the [. . .] we wont loose a Moment but hasten our Washers [. .] embaling it as soon as we gett it out of [. . .] have sorted to day but that the Weather woud not [. . .].

Our Cheif Peon is gone as far as Our Tappys [. . .] Peons in the Roome of the Old ones and to bring us a [. . .] have been so Tardy since the Clearing up of the Weather [. . .] Rivers which when we know We shall be sure to Punish [. . .] take Care that they are not guilty of the like for the [future].

The Deptv. Govr. has employd Propper People [to buy & procure] Chinam at the Cheapest rate possible that when [...] comes down to survey Our Buildings and gives Your [. . .] of them We may commence New with the Utmost Expedi[tion . . .] Rate Possible.

Your Journall & Cells are deliverd to Mr. [. . .] hard at Work about adjusting the difference in the Balla[nce. . .] and Ours which he hopes to accomplish as soon as Yr. Honr. [. . .] expect when we will write You largely on the subject in [. . .] wants to be satisfied in any particular from Your acc[. . .] immediately advise him of it and not wait for a Gen [. . .] the Utmost expedition Examine Our Paymastr. and Steward [. . .] and see if its not possible to reduce the article You men[tioned . . .] did in June last when we advisd Yr. Honr. &ca. what progress [. . .] that affair.

When Mr. Farmer has finished the business [. . .] We will then send Your Honr. &ca. an Account of what [. . .] are receivd and the reason why the rests stand out and ac[. . .] they can be copyed out We will send You Duplicates of o[. . .] & H and the Journall of G.

We will duely observe what Yr. Honr. &ca. orders re[. . .] stock Merchts. who at the Close of Our Books in Aprill [. . .] Accounts with us and put their hands to the Ballance [...] in a Book apart and entitled the Merchts. Accot. Curt. Book.

We wish Success to Yr. Honr. &cas. Affaires both Publick [& Private] and are

Honble. Sr. &ca.

Yr. most [obedt. & humble. servts.]
Matt: [Weld]
Io: [Woodward]

Fort St. Daivd
Decembr. the 11 } 1712.
Recd. do. the 14 }

No. 211.

[To the Hon^ble. Edw^d.] Harrison Esq^r.
[Presid^t. &] Govern^r. of Fort S^t. George [&c^a. Council.]

Hon^ble. S^r. &c^a.

Last Night we rec^d. Y^r. Hon^r. &c^as. of the 10^th. Ins^t. with the two enclosd Bills on Gonganah Goontaw Ventana for 4500 Pag^s. which when complied with the amount shall forthwith be paid Our Merch^ts. who are mighty pressing and troublesome for what we are indebted to em on the present Contract which we hope will excuse Our being so Importunate for further supplyes of Mony whenever we have Occasion to write Your Hon^r. &c^a.

Lieutenant John Roach has been acquainted with Y^r. Hon^r. &c^as. order who says he has before requested the Hon^ble. Presid^ts. permission to return to his Station in Fort S^t. George but not beleiving that he sho^d. depart in less than a Weeks time he had not quite Settled his affaires and therefore has desird us to permitt him to stay till the 15^th. Ins^t. in the morning when in Obedience to Your Commands he will sett out from hence and proceed without further delay and without any great Inconvenience we can spare Lieutenant Hugonin whenever Y^r. Hon^r. &c^a. think Convenient to grant his request.

The Mary still continues in the Road with her Cargoe on board the Winds not at all more favourable to her then when last wrote Y^r. Hon^r. &c^a. however we shall not Act in Relation to her as we then design'd but continue her under our first Orders and when the Ramah is afloat we shall Load her according to Y^r. Hon^r. &c^as. directions.

We hear no further News of the French more than that by the best Information we can procure the 2 great ships are not gone upon any Cruze but certainly daily expected in Pondicherry.

On the 7^th. Ins^t. there deserted from this Garrison Morrice Clifford, Abraham Morgan, John Dunn & Jacob Johnson the [. . .] first of which went directly to Waldore and the other to Pondicherry [. . .] have retreivd them all and askd em what was the reason [. . .] goeing away which we cant find to be from any ill treatment [. . .] embrace [. . .] mable to Your [. . .] that offers.

We have nothing mo[re . . .] present but to Susbcribe OurSelves.

Fort S^t. David
Decembr the 13^th.
Rec^d. d^o. the 15
} 1712.

Hon^ble. [S^r. &c^a.]
Your most [obed^t. & hum^ble.] Servants.
Ro[bert Raworth.]
Rich[ard Farmer.]
John [Berlu.]
Rich[ard Harrison.]
Ph[illip Baker.]
Ma[thew Weld.]
Tho[mas Woodward.]

No. 212.

To the Hon^ble. Edw^d. Harrison Esq^r.
Presid^t. & Gov^r. of Fort S^t. George &c^a. Council.

Hon^ble. S^r. &c^a.

We wrote Your Hon^r. &c^a. this morning [. . .] Yours of the 10^th. Ins^t. w[h]erein You seemd so very press[. . .] Cargoe that we alterd Our Roslutoins of unload^s. and keep [. . .] Receipt of a Letter from the Hon^ble.

Presidt. to Mr. Raworth a [. . .] intimating his apprehensions of the Dangers she woud [. . .] she proceeded, We put in execution Our first designs & orderd [. . .] forthwith to unload her which Work we hope he will be [. . .] tomorrow Morning tho the Wind continues in its old [. . .] that we have not been able hitherto to send of any Boat.

This moment is come to hand Your Letter of [. . .] the Honble. Presidts. Letter of the same date to which we [gave the] reply that You may be free from all Apprehensions [. . .] well as the Trouble of sending Peons and Catamarans [. . .] & assure Your Honr. &ca. that We will forward [. . .] of Our Cloth what lies in Our Power and hav [. . .] Bounds by Our Encouragemt. a great many [. . .] from Inviting others [. . .] families here.

[. .] had receivd Orders to day but how true [. . .] the 2 expected ships were not when they left France [. . .] se but the South Seas that they belong to the King are [. . .] pendent of Mr. Hebert, destitute of Provisions & ready Cash and that their Stay in Pullicherry will be but very short which gives us great reason to beleive that they design to Supply their Necessitys from the spoils of Fort St. George in which we hope they will be disappointed as well as in all other their Intentions against the Prosperity of that Place being.

[Fort St. David]

[Decr. the] 13
[Recd. do. the] 15 } 1712.

Honble. Sr. &ca.

Yr. most Obedt. & most humble. Servts.

Robt. Raworth.
Richd. Farmer.
John Berlu.
Richd. Harrison.
Philip Baker.
Mathew Weld.
Thos. Woodward.

No. 213.

[To the] Honble. Edwd. Harrison Esqr.
[Presidt. &] Govr. of Fort St. George [&ca.] Council.

Honble. Sr. &ca.

We wrote Your Honr. &ca. twice Yesterday and now Trouble Yr. Honr. &ca. with this by Lieutenant John Roach to acquaint You of his departure from hence pursuant to Your late Order we wish him a safe Arrivall in Fort St. George and desire You'll be pleasd to be referrd to him for a ℔ticular Accot. of Our Millitary here and what Supply of Europeans we have occasion for.

We can gett as yett no further Account of ye. design of the French nor will the Weather permitt us to unload the Mary but we hope it will speedily cease blowing that we may put in Execution Your Honr. &cas. orders.

We have recd. into Cash of Lieutent. John Roach the [. . .] Pags. and of Mr. John Raworth 410 for which we have presumd to give em two [Bills] on Y [. . .] Date payable as follows.

To Lieutenant John Roach [. . .]
To Mr. Henry Davenport [. . .]
P[. . .]

with which we request Your Punctuall Comp[liance].

FORT ST. DAVID
DECEMBR. THE 14 } 1712.
RECD. DITTO THE 18 }

HONBLE. SR. &CA.
Yr. most Obedt. [& humble.] Servts.
ROB[ERT RAWORTH.]
RICH[ARD FARMER.]
JOHN [BERLU.]
RICH[ARD HARRISON.]
PH[ILLIP BAKER.]
MATH[EW WELD.]
THO[MAS WOODWARD.]

No. 214.

TO THE HONBLE. EDWD. HARRISON ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVR. OF FORT ST. GEORGE &CA. COUNCILL.

HONBLE. SR. &CA.

As we promisd Yr. Honr. &ca. in our last [Genll. letter that Lieut.] Roach should sett out on the 15th. in the Morning he acc[. . .] 5 a Clock and we hope he will speedily arrive with You [. . .] of great importance has happend & we only trouble You [. . .] to advise You that Gonganan Gootaw Venganaw offering [. . .] the sum of 6000 Pags. & desiring a Bill on Yr. Honr. & [. . .] to receive the same and give him one Payable to [. . .] days sight with which we request Your punctual [compliance.]

We have at last unloaden the Mary who[. . .] Expedition Yr. Honr. &ca. shall think convenient to order [. . .] Residue of this Week daily Embale and put more Clo[th . . . .]

Wee are

FORT ST. DAVID
DECEMBER THE 17TH. } 1712.
REC. DITTO THE 20 }

HONBLE. SR. &CA.
Yr. most Obe[dt. & humble. Servts.]
ROB[ERT RAWORTH.]
RICH[ARD FARMER.]
JOHN [BERLU.]
RICH[ARD HARRISON.]
PHIL[LIP BAKER.]
MAT[HEW WELD.]
THO[MAS WOODWARD.]

P.S.

Mr. Augustus Burton on Decease of his Brother Gaywood requests Yr. Honr. &ca. will permitt him to come to Fort St. George [for] 10 Days having some business of Consequence to him to Negotiate with his sister the Relique of the said Capt. Gaywood which if You think Convenient to grant I beleive he can be spard for that time. I am

HONBLE. SR. [&CA.]
Yr. most Obedt. Servt.
R. [RAWORTH.]

No. 215.

[To the Honble.] Edwd. Harrison Esqr.
[Presidt. & Govr.] of Fort St. George [&ca. Council.]

Honble. Sr. &ca.

Not farr from Madapollam in the Way hither is a Town Calld Pettipatam where Our Merchts. has provided to the amount of 2000 Pags. of Cloth which we expect daily here which will be Tenn Bales at least being most fine Goods.

I find in the Godown at Ingerom to the amount of 20 Bales of Cloth.

The Cloth now to be brought in which Our Weavers had mony advanced for, which cloth Our Merchts. assures me lies ready in their hands will amot. to 60 Bales or thereabouts.

The Cloth We have now in View which lies ready to be sold Us according to the most exact Accot. that can be taken it being in many Weavers hands will amot. to 50 Bales these with those of Madapollam to 179 Bales We expect a Vessell from Vizagapatam next Month to carry em to Madrass.

The Ship that has Our Madapollam Bales on board is fallen down the River and Rides at Anchor nigh the Barr upon coming away Rangoraz promisd to take all Imaginable Care of em.

As to the Izzares I have acquainted Our Merchts. concerning the Validity of Contracts which when once agreed upon are of such consequence that they become irrevocable their answer was they were Satisfied and woud provide the Goods tho they were never such Loosers by em.

Our Merchts. declare they have provided considerable more Goods than they have recd. money for of the Company, we hope they will speedily supply us from Vizagapatam that we may now answer Your Honr. &cas. expectation.

The 13th. Instant in the Morning I arrivd here and the same Evening the Rajahs Deptv. of Ingeram came to see me and told me that the measures the Dutch had taken to prevent Our getting goods were broken that we might now have what Quantity of Cloth we pleasd full Lengths and Bredths I heard the story thus related in Madapollam that their Cheif at Metchlepatm. finding that the burthen of his [Dasha]roon Cloth bought from May to August last woud lye to heavy upon him made his Exception and refusd to ship it off to Batavia till Proportionable abatements was made for the short Cloth and also put to Lower Numbers the Amot. of all which was laid upon their [. . .] Dasharoon to pay [. . .] being about 1000 Pagodas some say not so much by this [. . .] Cloth &ca they concluded we shoud [. . .] that it woud not be worth Our While to stay above [. . .] the Place.

Habid Cawn having sent away his family [. . .] good part of his Forces to a Fort nigh Golcondah wai[. . .] on this side the River finding the sweetness of Visiting [. . .] Own Fort accordingly Rungoraz expects him at Mug[. . .] at Polligull.

Gutten Due
November the 20th.
Recd. Decemr. the 23 } 1712.

Hond. Sr. &ca.
Your most Obedt. [& humble. Servt.]
Thomas [Faucett].

P.S.

Yesterday Night the Ingeram Rajah arrd. there and sent a Messengr. to me with a Complyment that both Ingeram and Gutten Due belongd to the English that we might choose to live where we pleasd.

T. ff.

No. 216

To the Honble. Edward Harrison Esqr.
President. & Govr. &ca. Councill.

Hond. Sr. &ca.

Last Night this Rajah came to Our Compound a [. . .] Riaperoze had receivd a Letter from Egbar Mahmud [. . . ap]pointed for Chiccakull and Metchlepatam Country) order [. . .] any Mony to Habid Cawn who was out of Place and that [. . .] in these parts in a months time being then at Golcondah [. . .] Cawn Subah of this Kingdom this news is extreamly ple[. . .] who say that by Habid Cawns visiting of em at their Own [. . .] such a numerous Camp the Countrys are distroyd and they [. . .].

We are begun to Embale Our Cloth and hope [. . .] will perform their promises that such a Number of B[. . .] in my Last Letter may by the End of this Month be sen[t].

Ingeram
December th 4th.
Recd. ditto the 23 } 1712.

Hond. Sr. &ca.
Your Obedi[ent & humble. Servt.]
Thomas [ffaucett].

No. 217

[To the] Honble. Edwd. Harrison Esqr.
[President. & Govr. of Fort St.] George [&ca. Councill].

Honble. Sr. &ca.

On the 18th. We were hond. with Yrs. of the 16th. Inst. to wch. ..... Reply and pursuant to Your order return the fowling Pieces You sent us by Sloop Expedition by the first Sea Conveyance that offers unless we can find opportunitys to dispose of em here which we shant fail to embrace our gentleman of arms acquainting Us they are unfitt for Service and we will take care for the future that Our storekeepr. does not demand any thing but wts. absolutely necessary and he shall likewise distinguish in the Lists he sends Your Honr. &ca. wt. is designd for Use and what is for sale.

Mr. Farmer acquaints Us that he is incapable of giving a Reason why the new buildings made in Mr. Roberts time and when he acted as Paymastr. are so soon become deficient he having no more of the Managemt. of em than barely paying the Workmen and Referrs us to Mr. Reay who was then Supervizor of all buildings here for one, and he tells Us that he acquaintd. the then Deptv. Govr. how bad the Timbers were to which he was answerd that they must be made Use off for the Present since better coud not be procurd.

The Business of Tonnapa Chittee is not droppd tho We have had frequent Consultations since and the reason why Your Honr. &ca. have not heard of that Man since Our first mention of him is because We are not willing to give You any unnecessary Trouble and after having wrote you once more on that Accot. We hope to have no occasion to mention it again in the meantime we shall expect Your Honr. &cas. answer to Ours of the 23d. July with the Directions You therein promise us for our future proceedings.

Sloop Expedition is breaking up pursuant to Your Honr. &cas. orders which we find rather more deficient than we first represented.

We are very glad Our Tappy Peons perform their stages to Your Honr. &cas. satisfaction and return You our humble thanks for so punctually honouring the Bills we have presumd to draw upon You.

Mr. ffarmer has finishd the Work Yr. Honr. &cas. were pleasd to recommend to his care and now we enclose Your adjustments rectified he's examining into the reasons why the sevll. Debts in the List sent us stand out which shall be imparted to Your Honr. &ca. in Our next Generall.

Tho Yr. Honr. &ca. have bin pleasd to remitt us so much Mony here yett Our Accot. Cash will inform You there is not more than 45,000 Pags. of it advanced the Merchants who have now near 80000 Pagodas Embald and in the Washers hands besides what daily comes in so we hope You'll be pleasd to excuse Our frequent Importunitys for more since it [. . .] encourage and enable em to goe thrô the Work they have undertaken [. . .] &cas. satisfaction.

Mr. Woodward denys [. . .] and brings the Choultry Dubash with the Talliars [. . .] Prison to Justify the same but complains that [. . . in]solent to him which he passd by however he shall [. . .] Your Honr. &cas directions tho our Inhabitants [. . .] been intire strangers to Injustice or absolute A [. . .].

We hope Lieutent. Roach is safe arrivd and [. . .] Hugonin sett out pursuant to Yr. Honr. &cas. permiss[ion . . .] to you.

Mr. Raworth as You were pleasd to direct to [. . .] Board Copy of the Charge he exhibited against Mr. B[. . .] distinctly read Paragrã. by Para. and solemnly pro[. . .] he again hopes You wont deny him Justice upon that [. . .] whose Tongue has notwithstanding that Letter was read [. . .] before forwarded to Your Honr. &ca. been daily publishing [. . .] him besides we have treated him so favourably that the Govr. demanded of him to prove what he had allegd ag[. . .] as to Imposing upon the Inhabitants and the Genll. [. . .] him because as twas his Duty to prevent such thing [. . .] oppressor himself for suffring 'em he impudently a [. . .] Peoples Toungues were tyed here but he woud prove it [. . .] after that had the Confidence to demand Our Permission [. . .] against the said Mr. Roach which how little soever [. . .] after the Reflections he had made We permitted him to [. . .] very triviall that they were not worth Our Consideration.

We have now 322 Bales already sorted in [. . .] shall Embale three times more at least this Week a [. . .] of this month we hope to have double the Quantity or [. . .].

We hear nothing more of the French again [. . .] for Your Honr. &cas. success and heartily Wishing that [. . .] may interrupt Your Mirth at Christmas Are

Fort St. David
December the 22d.
Recd. ditto the 25 } 1712.

Honble. Sr. &ca.
Your most Obedt. hu[mble. servts.]
Robert Raworth.]
Rich[ard Farmer.]
[John Berlu.]
[Richard Harrison.]
[Phillip Baker.]
[Mathew Weld.]
[Thomas Woodward.]

No. 218

[To the Honble. Edwd.] Harrison Esqr.
[Presidt. & Govr. of Fort] St. George &ca. Councill.

Honble. Sr. &ca.

On the 18th. I was hond. with Yours of the 16th. Instant and thank Yr. Honr. &ca. for the satisfaction You seem inclinable to give me on Mr. Baker to whom I was so Just and open as to read the Charge I sent You against him in Consultation before I forwarded it and then demanded of him to prove what he had allegd against

Capt. Roach it being a very great Reflection upon me but as Your Honr. &ca. will see in Our Genll. Letter which comes herewith he insolently refusd it and Joind another Reflection with the former and then desird Our Permission to goe to Fort St. George. We advisd him to putt what he said in Writing and it shoud be forwarded to Your Honr. &ca. for that it was'nt in Our Powers but Yours to grant his request which he promisd to doe but when I sent to him for it instead of his Petition came the enclosd Note & since that he has proceeded in his Old method, giving his Toungue all the Libertys that laid in his Power which I bare with a great deal of Patience, my Case being laid before Your Honr. &ca. from whom I am sure of the strictest Justice Imaginable thô I dont doubt but Mr. Baker will deny all thats laid to his Charge when he appears before You he having already done it here, thô theirs the Major part of the Place to Confront him.

I have no further News at Present to Impart to Yr. Honr. &ca. at present but to Wish You a Merry Christmas and to assure You I shall with the utmost diligence endeavour to approve myself.

[Fort St. David]

[Decr. the . . .]
[Recd. do. the 25th.] } 1712.

Honble. Sr. &cA.
Your most Obedt. humble. Servant
Robert Raworth.

No. 219

[To the] Honble. Edwd. Harrison Esqr.
[Presidt.] & Govr. of Fort St. George [&cA.] Councill.

Honple. Sr. &cA.

Our last Letters to Your Honr. &ca. were dated the 31st. October and 14th. & 19th. Ulto. We are now upon the Dispatch of Ships London [to] Bombay Darby for Europe and Mary for Your Port but for the be[tter] Security in Case an Enemy be on the Coast we have orderd all three [to keep] Company with each other till they are in or near Madrass Road and [. . .] them in Case of Need We have lent 20 Soldiers to each Ship [. . .]g them Lieutent. Gorden, Ensign Benson & Sergeant th[. . .] on each Ship to keep the soldiers under Command th[. . .].

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